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On the Cover: Jayden Sanchez traveled with his family from Texas to Ohio to compete in the 2018 National Rimfire Sporter event at Camp Perry. After a few mishaps, the family found themselves needing help from those around them. Story on page 24.

Grab a Costume! Join the 2019 Camp Perry Open Air Gun Event in January

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – For those looking for air gun competition and an escape from the cold of the winter months, the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has begun registration for its annual Camp Perry Open – an air rifle and air pistol event held each year in Northwest Ohio for over a decade.

Featuring a variety of 3x20 and 60 Shot categories, the Camp Perry Open is set to fire Jan. 18-20, 2019, for adult and junior competitors of all experience levels. An adaptive shooting category is also offered under the World Shooting Para Sport classification system to provide competitive opportunities to all athletes.

Outside of regular competition, the Camp Perry Open Super Finals, which is undoubtedly the highlight of the Camp Perry Open, merges competition and creativity as costumes, music, noisemakers and other colorful elements flow and echo throughout the range. Competitors as well as spectators are encouraged to participate in the action by dressing in store-bought or homemade eye-catching attire (though it is not required to be a part of the fun).

Guests who have never seen the Super Finals are welcome to watch the spectacle take place on Saturday, Jan. 19. Come and see the chaos unfold or join in on the excitement!

Along with real competition experience, those participating in the Camp Perry Open will be given the rare occasion to compete alongside some of the most talented marksmen in the country, including members of the Army Marksmanship Unit and the USA Shooting team, along with talented upcoming junior competitors who are leading the next generation of excellence.

The Camp Perry Open is held within the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center, which houses an 80-point indoor air gun range equipped with CMP's own electronic targets, powered by Kongsberg Target Systems. The targets instantly return shot scores on an LED display monitor located next to each competitor. Monitors overhead also reveal scores to spectators in the crowd as they happen, keeping guests connected to the action on the firing line.

Matches scheduled to be fired during the competition include the Men's and Women's 60 Shot Air Rifle and Pistol matches and the 3x20 Junior Air Rifle individual and team events. Informal awards ceremonies will follow both the 3x20 and the 60 Shot Matches each day.

With free admission and ample parking, the Camp



The Camp Perry Open combines air rifle and air pistol competition for adult and junior competitors.

Perry Open is open to the public any time during the event. Whether just curious about air gun or interested in stepping onto the firing line, all are welcome at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center. We hope to see you there!

To register and for more info on the Camp Perry Open, visit the CMP website: <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-center-event-matches/camp-perry-open/>.

About the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center:

The Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry includes an open reception and common area, fully equipped classrooms, projection screens and flat-screen television sets, as well as authentic Olympic memorabilia and other notable items from the outstanding career of Gary Anderson.



Unique to the Camp Perry Open is the Super Final, which engages both competitors and spectators.

Maddalena, Battig Claim Overall Wins During 2018 Dixie Double Air Gun Match

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Sagen Maddalena was the overall winner of the Open Rifle competition.



Juniors Zachary Miller (left) and Hunter Battig (right) led in the overall Pistol matchup.

ANNISTON, Ala. – At the 2018 Dixie Double air gun match in Alabama, Sagen Maddalena, 25, of Groveland, CA, led the overall rifle aggregate with a score of 1262.1 – just one point above Ivan Roe, 22, of Manhattan, MT, who recorded a score of 1261.5 for second. Rosemary Kramer, 21, of Statesboro, GA, followed closely in third with a score of 1261.1.

The Dixie Double features some of the best men, women and junior competitors from around the country, including members of the Army Marksmanship Unit and other national-level athletes. The Dixie Double serves as a learning opportunity for upcoming shooters as well as a worthwhile challenge for experienced marksmen.

The two-day 60 shot international rifle and pistol competition is designed for both adults and juniors, with an Open and Junior match fired simultaneously, along with a final to end each day. A two-person aggregate team event, which combines the skills of an adult and junior competitor, is also held concurrently with the Open competition. Overall competitors are awarded each day as well as from the combined, two-day aggregate scores.

After finishing in second at last year's Dixie Double,

Matthew Sanchez, 16, of Tampa, FL, improved his performance to become the overall competitor in the junior rifle aggregate, racking up a score of 1238.6. Sanchez led the match by nearly 10 points above second place finisher Gavin Barnick, 15, of Mora, MN, who recorded a score of 1229.9. Claire O'Neel, 17, of Frederick, MD, took the third place position by only one-tenth of a point, with a score of 1224.9.

In pistol, Hunter Battig, 16, of Colorado Springs, CO, fired a score of 1125-27x to claim the overall win in the aggregate competition. Kara Petrcek, 40, of Atlanta, GA, fired a score of 1122-21x for second in the match, as Zachary Miller, 18, of Sylacauga, AL, took the third place spot with a score of 1121-18x.

In pistol team action, only two teams competed, with team Cheating on Katelyn & James (Zachary Miller and Kara Petrcek) besting The Old New Team (Hunter Battig and Colonel Bruce Meredith) with a score of 2218-39x to their opponent's 2147-34x.

The rifle team of Wheaties Box Rejects (Sagen Maddalena and Scott Rockett) led the rifle team competition with a score of 2474, a full 10 points above What Do You



Matthew Sanchez, Gavin Barnick and Claire O'Neel led the field of over 60 juniors in the rifle match.



Sagen Maddalena and Scott Rockett joined forces to overtake the Rifle Team Match.

Mean, a Team Name? (Ivan Roe and Douglas McWhorter), with 2464. Team S & S (PVT Emily Stith and Savanna Stainaker) followed just behind in third, with a combined score of 2449.

Returning to the Dixie Double in 2018 was the Target Sprint competition, which welcomes individuals ages 10 and up who have completed a basic rifle safety class. During the event, participants run along a path, occasionally stopping to fire air rifles at five 10-meter falling targets,

knocking all over before continuing on. The first to cross the finish line is declared the winner. This year's winner was CMP's own Chance Cover. Congratulations!

For a complete list of results, visit the CMP Competition Tracker page at <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=17412>.

Photos are available for free download from the CMP Zenfolio page: <https://cmp1.zenfolio.com/p543121374>.



The Target Sprint event returned to the Dixie Double in 2018 to the delight of guests and competitors.

Juniors and the 2018 World Championship

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



A new and very happy Junior World Champion from India is lifted up in triumph by his teammates. During the match, 16-year old Hriday Hazarika was tied with Amir Nekounam from Iran at the end of the 10m air rifle final. Hazarika won the shoot-off and the gold medal, 10.3 to 10.2.

The 52nd World Shooting Championship took place in Changwon, Korea on 1-14 September 2018. The World Championship Program included individual and team events for both seniors (open) and juniors. The USA was represented by a delegation of 38 junior athletes who had 63 different event entries. USA juniors finished with 10 medals; six silver and four bronze.

World Shooting Championships are governed by the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) the worldwide governing body of Olympic Shooting. They are organized every four years by a national federation chosen by the ISSF General Assembly. Several shooting organizations claim to have world championships, but the only real world championship is the ISSF World Championship. This is because the rifle, pistol, shotgun and running target events in the ISSF World Championship Program are the only shooting events that are practiced on a true worldwide basis. The ISSF has national federation members in 150 nations. 88 of those nations entered more than 1,800 athletes in the 52nd World Championship. The 2018 Championship had 50 individual events, 29 senior and 21 junior. There were also 52 team events, 32 senior and 20 junior. This is the only World Shooting Championship with such a comprehensive program of participating nations, shooting disciplines and shooting events for senior and junior athletes.



The World Championship mascot was named Aimy. Aimy miniatures were presented to World Championship medalists.

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The Biggest World Championship Stories

Most Successful Nation. During the Closing Ceremony of every World Championship, the Nasser Trophy is awarded to the “most successful nation.” The USA won this trophy in 1966, 1978 and 1994, but the USA has not been a contender in recent World Championships. China won the Nasser Trophy in the 2014 World Championship and again this year, but this time it was close. India, which was 27th in the medal count four years ago, finished only one gold medal behind China this year.

Overall Medal Count. China and Russia have dominated recent World Championships. In 2014, China athletes won 44 medals and Russian athletes 40. The big advances in 2018 were by India and Korea. In 2014, Korea finished the medal count in eighth position with 14 medals while India was 27th with only two medals. China finished the 2018 World Championship in first place with 43 medals, but Korea moved up to second with 36 medals and India moved up to third with 27 medals. Russia was fourth with 37 medals, but with fewer gold medals. The USA was 9th with 19 medals and three gold medals.

Government Funding for Shooting. A big question is how to account for the phenomenal rise of Korea and India and the obvious conclusion that Asian nations are becoming dominant in Shooting. The answer is simple, Asian governments are investing large sums of money in Olympic sports and this is paying big dividends. With 22 of China's 43 medals (51%), 19 of Korea's 36 medals (53%) and 16 of India's 27 medals (59%) being won by Juniors, Asian dominance in Shooting is likely to increase.

How these countries spend government money to develop young athletes is worth examining. In China, Shooting is a fixture in their sports school program with the best athletes in those programs advancing to national training centers. Korea has a well-funded school program that also produces athletes who advance to train in national training centers. India has invested heavily in placing paid shooting coaches in clubs and schools throughout the country. The best young Indian athletes receive significant government-funded financial incentives. Their skills are honed at periodic national level training camps. The athletes who emerge through these programs are motivated by wanting to win for their countries and the promise of substantial financial rewards when they do win. All of them reached their current levels of excellence through incredibly hard work. Korea's Hana Im,



ISSF President Vázquez Raña officially declared the 52nd World Shooting Championship open on 1 September 2018. Participant nation flag bearers are assembled in the arena in front of the speaker's stand.

World Championship Results

Complete, detailed scores and rankings for all World Championship events can be found in the Official Results Book. Download it from the ISSF website at: <https://www.issf-sports.org/media/calendar/2018/1750/completeresult/WCH%20All%20KOR%202018%20Results%20Book.pdf>

an 18-year-old high school student who won the women's air rifle World Championship, reported that she trains 2 ½ hours every morning and another 2 ½ hours in the afternoon and that her training load increases even more during peak competition times.

Shooting's Most Exciting Final Ever! Jin Jongoh is a national hero in Korea who has already won four Olympic gold medals, two World Championships and 16 World Cup gold medals in precision pistol events. He is renowned for making bad starts in finals and then staging improbable come-backs to win dramatic victories.

Juniors and the 2018 World Championship



Jin Jongoh, Korea, was overcome with emotion after winning his third World Championship with an amazing comeback. Artem Chernousov, Russia, was second. Jin's teammate Lee Daemyung won the bronze medal.

In the Rio Olympics 50m pistol final, Jin shot a 6.6 on his ninth shot and at that point was 4.7 points behind the leader.

He was in danger of being eliminated, but he shot tens on eight of his next 11 shots to win his fourth Olympic gold medal on the last shot. His finish in the 10m air pistol final in Changwon was even more dramatic. He was shooting in front of Korean fans who filled every available space in the Finals Hall and cheered every one of Jin's good shots. Jin shot an 8.8 on his 15th shot and at that point was 5.5 points behind Russia's Artem Chernousov, who was shooting at a world record pace. Gaining that many points on someone who was shooting that well is virtually impossible, but Jin narrowed the margin, shot-by-shot. Eight of his next nine shots were tens. When they reached the last shot, Jin was 0.4 behind. Chernousov shot a 10.0; Jin shot a 10.4. They were tied; the crowd exploded. In the shoot-off, Chernousov again shot first; he had a 9.5; Jin followed with a 10.3; the crowd was jubilant as they savored what seemed to them like a miracle.

North Korean Participation. One of the great stories from the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea, was the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) peace initiative that led to the formation of a joint Korean

Olympic team with athletes from both the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). This helped to ease international tensions at a time when the world feared it was close to war. The IOC initiative was carried over into the 2018 World Shooting Championship where a 22-person North Korean delegation competed on South Korean soil for the first time. They were warmly and enthusiastically received and competed well, winning four medals.

A Junior Athlete Won a World Championship.

The only junior to win a senior World Championship was an 18-year-old high school student from the host city of Changwon.

Hana Im won the women's air rifle gold medal after shooting the highest qualification score, 630.9, and then, despite her youth and inexperience (she had never been in an international final before), prevailing in the final. In the final she was in third place after the two 5-shot series, but she was only 0.9 behind the leader. She had a 9.8 on her sixth shot, but no other shot was less than a 10.2. She took over the lead after the 16th shot and never relinquished it. By her 20th shot she had a 1.8 point lead over second. In air rifle finals that is a big lead, but she was under tremendous pressure from shooting in front of

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Hana Im's moment of triumph! She has just laid down her rifle after firing her last shot in the women's air rifle final and turned to receive congratulations from her coach. She knows she has just become the World Champion.

a very enthusiastic hometown crowd. In spite of this extra pressure, Hana IM shot 105.0 on her last ten shots, with a nearly perfect 10.8 on her last shot.

USA Junior Athlete Performances

Overall Evaluation for USA Juniors. There were some bright spots in the USA junior performances in Changwon. 18 of the 63 USA junior event entries resulted in top ten finishes (see "USA Junior Top Ten Rankings" on page 12). The 10 medals won by USA Juniors ranked fifth

An Interview with Hana Im

Q. How old were you when you started shooting?

A. I started shooting at age 14 when I was in the first grade at Yullyang Middle School.

Q. Why did you decide to try shooting?

A. There was an extracurricular activity at school that included Shooting. One of my close friends already had started Shooting and I had chance to try Shooting so I decided to start. At first, my mom wasn't happy about me starting shooting, but I was able to begin Shooting because she believed me after all.

Q. Where do you train now?

A. I am currently selected as a National Team member so I normally train at the Jincheon National Training Center. During other times, I can also train at the high school that I attend.

Q. How many hours a day do you train?

A. It is different depending on my competition schedule. Normally I train 2 1/2 hours in the morning and again each afternoon. Before national competitions, I train more than that.

Q. How did you control your emotions and nervousness during the last shots of the Women's Air Rifle Final?

A. Since there was a score difference between me and the athlete behind me, I believed I could make it as long as I didn't make a mistake. I kept thinking about what I trained to do; I took deep breaths to relieve my body.

Q. How did you celebrate your becoming a World Champion?

A. After the WCH, I ate tasty foods with my co-shooters and went to a Noraebang (Korean Karaoke). After returning home, I ate tasty foods again with my family and enjoyed my time with them since I had not been home for a while.

in total medals, but only 15th in the official medal count because they did not win any gold medals.

USA shotgun juniors continued to do well. Logan Lucas was the number one qualifier in junior men's trap and finished the final with a silver medal. Nic Moschetti was the top qualifier in junior men's skeet and also finished with a silver medal. In junior women's skeet, Samantha Simonton qualified first and finished sixth while Austen Smith won a bronze medal. The USA junior women's skeet team won a silver medal and the junior women's trap team won a bronze medal.

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Leading Junior World Champions

This page introduces you to eight young athletes who became Junior World Champions in Changwon. 11 of the 13 individual rifle-pistol Junior World Champions are from Asian countries.



Iran's 20-year-old Amir Nekounam won the most medals of any junior. He was on Iran's air rifle mixed team that won a silver medal, he won a second silver medal in 10m air rifle, where he missed gold by one-tenth of a point, and he won gold in the 50m 3-position event.



16-year-old Chaudhary Saurabh of India established himself as a rising pistol star when he won the 10m air pistol event in the 2018 Suhl Junior World Cup while setting a new Junior World Record. In Changwon, he raised his World Record and became the air pistol Junior World Champion.



Haojie Zhu, 16, from China shot 35 x 40 in the 25m rapid-fire pistol final to become a Junior World Champion. This was three hits more than the score of the senior World Champion. Zhu led all junior qualifiers with a 589.



Seyval Marhan, 18, from Turkey won the women's 10m Air Pistol Junior World Championship with a 237.9 in the Final.



19-year-old Xiaoyu Wang from China had one of the most dominating wins. She won the women's 25m pistol Junior World Championship by finishing the final with three consecutive 5s, a 37x50 total and a 10-point margin over second.



20-year-old Hong SU of China made her first international start in Changwon. It was a great start; she became the women's 50m rifle 3x40 Junior World Champion. Su had 390 standing in the qualification and overcame a 5.1 deficit in the final in the standing position to win the gold medal.



The 16-year-old Sidhu twins from India each won gold medals in junior pistol events. Vijayveer (l.) won the standard pistol gold medal. Udhayveer (r.) won the 25m sport pistol gold medal.

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Leading USA Juniors in the World Championship

This page highlights USA junior athletes who ranked among the most successful athletes in Junior World Championship events. The ages and hometowns of these USA juniors are listed in the "USA Junior Top Ten Rankings" table on page 12.



Katelyn Abeln, 17, from Douglasville GA (l. & r. above) won a silver medal with her outstanding 27 hit total in the junior women's 25m pistol final. In the final she won a shoot-off for 3rd before finishing 2nd behind Xiouyu Wang from China. Anna Dedova from the Czech Republic was 3rd.



The Leverett brothers from Bainbridge, Georgia were a key part of the USA junior pistol resurgence in Changwon. They are shown here with their father Dr. Jack Leverett who coaches them. Henry (l.) is shown with the silver medal he won in 25m sport pistol. Jack (r.) had outstanding 5th, 6th, 9th and 11th place finishes in four different pistol events.



Henry Leverett, another 17-year-old junior from Georgia, won a silver medal in the 25m sport pistol event with a 584 score and almost won a second medal when he finished 4th in 25m rapid-fire pistol.



West Virginia Univ. student athlete Morgan Phillips led all qualifiers with an 1171 and finished 4th in the junior women's 50m 3x40 event. She was 5th in the 50m rifle prone event.



Sarah Choe, led 25m pistol qualifiers with 582 and finished the final in 6th place.



Trap silver medalist Logan Lucas (l.) was one of three USA juniors to win individual medals in shotgun events. Nic Moschetti won silver in trap. Austen Smith won bronze in skeet. The junior trap gold medalist was Nathan Argiro from Australia. The bronze medalist (on r.) was Elia Sdrucchioli from Italy.

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USA Junior Top Ten Rankings

• **Athlete's Name**, age, hometown
Place finish, event, score (+ indicates Final)

- **Katelyn Abeln**, 17, Douglasville, GA
Silver in 25m Pistol, 576 + 27x40
- **Nic Moschetti**, 20, Broomfield, CO
Silver in Skeet, 121 + 54x60
- **Logan Lucas**, 18, Pacific, MO
Silver in Trap, 120 + 41x50
- **Henry Leverett**, 17, Brunswick, GA
Silver in 25m Sport Pistol, 584
- **Austen Smith**, 17, Keller, TX
Bronze in Skeet, 114 + 43x50
- **William Shaner**, 17, Colo. Springs, CO, Bronze in 50m Rifle Prone, 618.2

• **Athlete's Name**, age, hometown
Place finish, event, score (+ indicates Final)

- **Henry Leverett**, 17, Brunswick, GA
4th in 25m Rapid-Fire Pistol, 582 + 21x30
- **Morgan Phillips**, 20, Salisbury, MD
4th in 50m Rifle 3x40, 1171 + 434.3
- **Sarah Choe**, 17, Los Angeles, CA
5th in 25m Pistol, 582 + 11x30
- **Jack Leverett III**, 18, Brunswick, GA
5th in 25m Standard Pistol, 563
- **Morgan Phillips**, 20, Salisbury, MD
5th in 50m Rifle Prone, 618.8
- **Samantha Simonton**, 18, Gainesville, GA, 6th in Skeet, 117 + 16x20

• **Athlete's Name**, age, hometown
Place finish, event, score (+ indicates Final)

- **Jack Leverett III**, 18, Brunswick, GA
6th in 25m Sport Pistol
- **Katharina Jacob**, 19, Rochester, MI
7th in Skeet, 114
- **Jack Leverett III**, 18, Brunswick, GA
9th in 10m Air Pistol, 573
- **Emma Williams**, 19, Savannah, TN
9th in Trap, 113
- **Carey Garrison**, 13, Crossville, TN
10th in Trap, 112
- **William Shaner**, 17, Colo. Springs, CO, 10th in 10m Air Rifle, 625.0

The USA has historically been very weak in pistol so the excellent USA junior pistol results were particularly encouraging. In junior women's 25m pistol, Sarah Choe had the highest qualification score, 582, and finished sixth. Katelyn Abeln also qualified for the final with a 576 and then shot a great final. She had 4x5 hits on three of her first four series. She was in the lead after the fourth and fifth series before falling back to a tie for third. She won that tie-breaking shoot-off and finished with a silver medal.

In the junior men's pistol events, two brothers from Georgia, Jack Leverett III and Henry Leverett, were the stars. Henry qualified second in rapid-fire pistol with a 582 and finished fourth in the final. In 25m sport pistol, which has no final, he won a silver medal with a 584. Jack shot in four events, placing fifth in standard pistol, sixth in sport pistol, ninth in air pistol and 11th in rapid-fire pistol. Their 15-year-old sister Abbie also made the USA team and competed in junior women's 25m pistol. The future is looking brighter for USA pistol fortunes.

USA junior rifle medals included a silver won by the 50m 3x40 women's team that was anchored by Morgan Phillips' 1171. That score led all qualifiers and she finished the final in fourth. William Shaner won a bronze in the 50m prone event and the USA women's team also won a bronze in prone.

medals and eight of the USA's 19 total medals came in skeet events. The only other senior individual medal was a silver medal won by the Army's Mike McPhail in men's 50m 3x40 rifle. USA athletes are the best in the world in skeet, but they were not among the leading nations in rifle, pistol and trap events.

The USA Skeet Victories. USA athletes dominated World Championship skeet events. One of the most extraordinary performances came in women's skeet where USA athletes have now won the last four consecutive individual World Championships. The USA team won the team gold medal with a World Record score. All three team members qualified for the Final where they completed an unprecedented sweep of the medals. Amber English



USA women shooters celebrate their sweep of the women's skeet medals. All three USA athletes qualified for the final. In the Final, Amber English (r.) finished third, Kim Rhode (l.) finished second and Caitlin Conner won her first international gold medal.

USA World Championship Successes

Overall Placing. In the 2014 World Championship, the USA was sixth in the medal count with 17 total medals and six gold medals. The USA's ninth place medal count ranking in the 2018 World Championship included 19 medals, but only three gold medals. All three USA gold

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had the highest USA qualification score with a 119. She finished with a bronze medal. Kim Rhode, a five-time Olympic medalist and winner of three out of four 2018 World Cups shot 118 in the qualification and finished second in the final. Caitlin Conner, an LSU student from Winnfield, Louisiana, also had 118 in the qualification. Conner had previously won one World Championship silver medal and six World Cup silver medals with all six World Cup silver medals coming when Kim Rhode won gold medals. She had never won an international gold medal before Changwon. In the final, she hit her first 35 targets before missing two station four targets. She missed only one other target to finally finish ahead of Kim Rhode, 57 to 56.

Like Korea's Jin Jongoh in pistol, the USA's Vince Hancock is regarded as the world's best male skeet shooter. He dominated that event in the World Championship. The Eatonton, Georgia shooting instructor shot a perfect 125 in the qualification to equal the World Record. In the final he missed only one target to score an impressive win over Erik Watndal of Norway, 59 to 56 and again equal a World Record.

The Korean World Championship organization was outstanding. It showcased an ancient and proud culture, a nation with advanced industrial, technological and economic capabilities and a people who excelled in hospitality and managerial effectiveness. In a closing

Mixed Team Events



The shooting program in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will feature three mixed team events for air rifle, air pistol and trap. Mixed teams consist of one man and one woman. In the air gun events they both shoot 40 shots in the qualification. The top five teams advance to the final where team members alternate shots (2x24 shots). In Changwon, the Italian team of Marco Suppini and Sofia Benetti won the air rifle mixed team Junior World Championship with a World Record total of 499.0.

press conference on 13 September, ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña declared, "**this has been the best World Championship in history.**" It was the "best ever" because of 1) meticulous planning, 2) unexcelled shooting ranges and facilities, 3) an unexcelled cultural environment and 4) match officials, range officers and volunteers who were exceptionally well-trained and effective in performing their duties.

About the Author

Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, retired as the full-time CMP Director at the close of 2009. He continues to work with CMP as the senior marksmanship instructor. During his remarkable career, he won two Olympic gold medals, seven World Championships and 16 National Championships. He is a Vice President of the International Shooting Sports Federation, the President of USA Shooting, a former Nebraska State Senator and was one of the two Olympic Games Technical Delegates for Shooting during the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

In June, 2012, the International Olympic Committee awarded Gary Anderson the IOC's highest honor, the Olympic Order, "for outstanding services to the Olympic Movement."

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



Vince Hancock, who won the last two Olympic gold medals in skeet and is ranked number one in the world, dominated the Skeet World Championship by shooting a perfect 125 x 125 qualification score and 49 x 50 in the final to gain a 3-point victory over Erik Watndal of Norway (l.). Riccardo Fillipelli of Italy (r.) was third.



Chatting with...

Mark Stout of the University of Michigan Marching Band

Interview By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

What sort of background do you have in shooting? What got you interested in the sport?

My father is a lieutenant with the West Bloomfield police department. He's been involved in competitive shooting since before I was even born, and the shooting sports have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My dad taught me and my brother to shoot safely and accurately when we were young, and he would often bring us to his police pistol matches so we could watch him compete. They wouldn't let me compete in the matches until I turned 12, but by the time I turned 14 I had beaten most of the other police officers who worked at my dad's station!

You've been to several National Matches now, sometimes shooting alongside your dad and brother. How did you get involved in shooting at the National Matches, and what's it like being able to shoot with your dad (who is also an excellent marksman) and your brother while you're there?

I first came to the National Matches when I was in the 9th grade, entering my first match with a beat up old M1 carbine that my grandfather loaned me and earning a gold medal right out of the chute. This experience got me hooked on competitive rifle shooting, and the National Matches have been a yearly occurrence for the Stout family ever since. Shooting alongside my dad and brother really feels natural at this point, and I suppose that's because competitive shooting has always been a family affair for me. It's something unique that my family does together which has kept us close as my brother and I have grown older. I've never felt any pressure from my dad to compete at as high a level as I do, just the pride and joy of a father who gets to share something he loves with his boys.

Going back to the 2018 National Matches, you had an incredible showing – a National Record and a number of High Junior honors. What kind of expectations or goals did you set for yourself coming into the National Matches this year?

This was the first summer I had ever worked full-time, and as such it was really tough to find time to practice. I came into the matches feeling pretty rusty, but with a mindset that I was just going to do my best and have fun. Oddly enough, I tend to perform well in matches that I have low expectations for. I didn't put any pressure on myself this year to shoot a particular score in any of the matches, and I think this allowed me to relax and focus on what I needed to do. I concentrated on my fundamentals of breathing and trigger control, and didn't let myself get distracted by thinking about what my scores were in between stages of the matches. Before I knew it, I had broken my own junior record in the M1 Carbine match, set a new junior record for the M1 Garand match, and taken High Junior in the 1903 Springfield and M1A matches. Not bad for my final year as a junior shooter!



Photo courtesy of Mark Stout

Junior marksman Mark Stout, 20, of Waterford, MI, has been a National Matches attendee since 2012 and has since claimed multiple High Junior honors in a variety of vintage rifle events. He also holds Junior Records in the National Carbine and John C. Garand Matches.

What's your favorite part about the sport of competition shooting and being able to compete at the National Matches? And what is the most challenging part?

My favorite part about shooting the National Matches is the history and authenticity behind them. The best marksmen in our country have been proving themselves at Camp Perry for over a century, a tradition which I feel proud to be a part of. You also meet the nicest people at the matches. Every year, we run into family friends at the matches and swap stories. It's neat to see that people from very different walks of life can be united by the spirit of competition.

By far, the most challenging part of the matches for me is the mental game. If I'm not careful, it's easy to let myself fixate on shooting a particular score. There are times where I'll get distracted by one bad shot, and that distraction will then cause the rest of the match to go downhill. I just need to force myself to take a deep breath and concentrate on what I'm doing at the moment in order to shoot my best.

Now outside of shooting – so, have you always been interested in music?

I joined band in 6th grade. Every 6th grader in our school was required take at least one music class, and most of my friends chose band, so I figured I would just do it for fun. Within a year, I was regularly sitting 1st or 2nd chair in the trumpet section, and I started to realize that music became more fun as I got better at it! I attended summer music camps, auditioned for All-State honors bands and took private lessons to push my playing to higher and higher standards. I immersed myself in music, and it became a defining aspect of my life. Music has always served as a constructive release from the pressures of school for me. It has also helped me to kindle friendships that have stood the test of time. In short, I wouldn't trade the memories I have made in band for anything in the world.

How did you become involved with the University of Michigan band?

The day I went to the music store to buy my first trumpet, my mom (who also studied at U of M), showed me a video of the Michigan Marching Band. I thought "Wow, it would be so cool if I could be part of that someday!". From then on, I knew that this was where I was meant to be. I practiced hard in high school knowing that I wanted to audition for the band once I got accepted into U of M. I tried out for the MMB the summer before I started college and had to wait until August before finding out that I had gotten in. Ever since then, my involvement with the MMB has been one continuous stream of happy memories and hard work. Performing in front of 100,000 fans in the biggest football stadium in the country is no small undertaking, and the band practices, rain or shine, to keep up with a busy football season schedule. It keeps me busy, to say the least. Every once in a while, I'll stop and think about the fact that I'm so lucky to be living a dream I've had since I was 11 years old. My experiences in the MMB have shaped my growth as a person over the past three years, and I thank God every day for letting me do something that I love so much.



At the 2018 National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Mark placed his name in the record books and brought home a heap of CMP Awards, all while wearing his U of M Band hat.



Photo courtesy of Mark Stout



Photo courtesy of Mark Stout

Michigan had a decent season this year – what's it like being at the games?

The atmosphere in The Big House is absolutely electric. Regularly performing in front of 100,000 people has been the thrill of a lifetime and is something that I still struggle to put into words. I didn't know much about football before I joined the MMB, but I've picked up on the basics because it's really fun to watch when our team does as well as they've done this year! My favorite memory from this year is from our home game against Wisconsin. Before each game, the band runs out of the stadium tunnel and onto the field for our pregame show, an experience that many liken to being shot out of a cannon.

The roar from the crowd for this game was deafening. It was a night game, and performing under the lights of the stadium made the whole atmosphere seem almost surreal. The crowd was really fired up for that game, and Michigan won by a solid margin. I had the special privilege of being part of a small detachment of the band that walked around the stadium and played for the crowd. It was fun interacting with the fans and seeing the joy that the band brought to people!

Sorry, we have to go there – talk a little bit about that unfortunate Ohio State game.

That was a really hard day for all of the Michigan Marching Band. One of our staff members passed away the morning of the game, and we got news of her passing right before we left for Columbus. She had been with the band for 40 years and was adored by everyone, but with such a busy day, there wasn't really time for us to mourn her loss. We all put on a brave face and did our jobs believing that it was what she would have wanted, but such a loss to the MMB family really put the outcome of the game into perspective. I hated to see our team lose like they did, especially because I think Michigan vs. OSU is the most important rivalry in all of college sports. At the end of the day, football is just a game. Everyone in the MMB looked out for one another that day, and we all got home in one piece, which is all that really matters as far as I'm concerned.

What are you going to school for, and what will you be doing the rest of the year now that the football season is over?

Now that football season is over, I'll have some time to rest and catch up on schoolwork/sleep before our bowl game trip at the end of December! I'm currently studying mechanical engineering at U of M, and I usually have to take a pretty heavy course load in the winter to make up for the time I put into Marching Band during the Fall. I'll stay involved in music during the Winter by playing in the University concert band which meets twice a week. I'm especially looking forward to this summer, where I'll be interning at BorgWarner Automotive! BorgWarner is an industry leader in automotive powertrain systems, and I'm very excited to learn as much as I can about automotive engineering while working there.



Paralympic Athlete Gains First Taste of Competition While Making History

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – Back in June, Moira Antal, 14, of Bealeton, Va., helped make history as she became the first Paralympic athlete to compete at the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Three-Position Air Rifle National Championship, held at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio.

"It's very fun," she said with a laugh, speaking of competing in air rifle. "It's calming. When I shoot, I zone out and let my mind run off wherever it wants, and I just shoot – that's it."

Moira has arthrogryposis, a congenital joint contracture that has affected her since birth. She's also missing two major muscle groups, a bicep and quadricep on her left side, and through the years has additionally developed arthritis, with 10 surgeries to date.

"Her doctor said she would never walk, but here she is," explained her mother, Wendy, as she looked at Moira and smiled. "She doesn't like to be told, 'No.'"

This year was Moira's first traveling and competing in marksmanship, having joined the sport about two years ago and even becoming qualified as an NRA coach for other Paralympic athletes. During this initial test of real air rifle competition, Moira traveled to and competed in the first-ever Junior Paralympics in Colorado Springs back in April – hand-picked as one of three to participate in the event.

And, from that trip, she brought home some hardware – one silver and one bronze medal.

She went on to compete in the Virginia Junior Olympic 3PAR State Championship before qualifying for the CMP National Championship in the summer of 2018.

"It's been a blessing being able to compete here (Camp Perry),



Moira Antal was the first adaptive athlete to compete at the CMP 3P Nationals event.

especially her first year," Wendy said. "It being opened up to adaptive shooting – it's been wonderful."

Along with setting a first in the range, the trip was also a first for Moira, who had never before been to Camp Perry. She was accompanied by her coach, Matt, as well as Wendy, who evidently walked into a whirlwind of nostalgia as she passed by the buildings on post.



As an adaptive competitor, Moira was allowed an apparatus when competing.

This wasn't Wendy's first trip to the legendary grounds of Camp Perry. She actually carries with her a background as a talented highpower competitor, having grown up making the trek, as a teenager, to compete at Camp Perry every year. Now, she serves as both mom and marksmanship mentor to her daughter.

"It's one of those wonderful sports where you can take people from all different levels of physical abilities, capabilities, all walks of life," Wendy said as she took in the room – recalling the memories of her own marksmanship days.

Moira, the next generation of a growing competitive shooting family, first held a rifle when she was around 4 years old, an air rifle, since it didn't have the recoil of some of the more powerful firearms. She showed talent from that first encounter, firing at balloons and hitting nearly every one.

The patriarch of the family, Moira's Grandpa Ernie, or "Pop Pop," as he's called, was the president of the Izaak Walton League shooting range near their hometown. He, along with Wendy, was an integral force in getting her involved in the sport, watching her shoot at the range every year when open shooting was offered.

"They both showed me air rifle and different types of shooting," Moira said. "I really liked it from the first time I shot it."

Pop Pop was aware of Moira's physical challenges, but it didn't slow him from teaching her the sport. The way he described it to her – even through they're very different, physically, they can still shoot together and be on the same level.

"That's why I love this – because it's an equal-opportunity sport," said Moira.

Off of the firing line, Moira enjoys being with her siblings, an older brother, Harley, 21, who is a Navy corpsman, and a sister, Patricia, 16, who Moira lovingly describes as a "theater geek." Moira also takes an interest in drawing and hopes to someday become an engineer who specializes in developing and designing prosthetics and orthotics for animals. Her passion towards animals stems from the love of her two dogs.

"They're my babies," she said with a grin.

As for shooting, Moira says she'll definitely stick with it and will be back to Camp Perry and other ranges again, with mom, Wendy, in tote.

"We're looking forward to seeing how this opens the door for other adaptive athletes," Wendy said. "It's been a beautiful experience. We've really enjoyed it."

Moira encourages others to join in on the world of marksmanship, urging plenty of education before jumping into the complex sport.

"Try it before judging it," she said. "Do some research."

"It's rewarding. It's just nice," she added.



Because of her condition, Moira fires from a seated position.

To find out more on Paralympic Shooting opportunities, including its history and current classifications, visit the USA Shooting website at <http://www.usashooting.org/about/paralympicshooting>.



With motivation and support, Moira plans to return to Nationals.

Taylor Farmer Earns Two Bronze Medals, World Record at 2018 Para Sport World Cup

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

Taylor Farmer is a para-athlete living with cerebral palsy, a neurological condition that limits muscle coordination, who has been competing since she was a junior.

Originally from Castalia, Ohio (where Camp Perry served as her home range), Taylor, 20, is currently a member of the USA Paralympic Team and conditions at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Taylor made her overseas competitive debut in May at the World Championship event, held in Cheongju, South Korea, where she finished 14th overall in the R2 match.

In September, Taylor made her first trip to the World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) World Cup in Chateauroux, France. In her first event, R2 (Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1), she took bronze, then went on to pick up another bronze in the R8 (Women's 50m Three-Position Rifle SH1). During the R8 event, Taylor also etched her name in the Junior World Record book for her Finals performance. The match was only her second in Three-Position Rifle – having only started training for the event since December 2017.

Four other Para athletes from the U.S. also attended the event, including a Pistol team member, bringing home multiple awards and securing a spot for the United States in the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. Over 200 athletes from 43 countries competed in the World Cup competition in Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun disciplines.

Congratulations to all of the U.S. Para-athletes!



Taylor Farmer

Vive la France



Taylor Farmer's first trip to the Para Sport World Cup didn't just give her a new World Record but also gave her a new view of the world – through her memories and a whole collection of photos.



Photos courtesy of Taylor Farmer's Facebook page

Taylor Farmer

In France



Along with an Eiffel Tower visit, she also enjoyed escargot (snails).

"Training every day, setting goals and achieving them is such a great feeling."



Taylor has only been training in Colorado Springs for a year.



She competed against athletes from Thailand, Turkey, Great Britain, Serbia, Germany, India and Australia during her event finals.

- Taylor Farmer



Now that World Cup is over, she is currently training for the 2019 Para World events in Dubai and Australia.



Taylor in the streets of France, proudly showing off one of her bronze medals.



The 2018 United States Paralympic team members at the World Cup

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events is featured in every issue of *On The Mark*. If you would like your match or clinic listed, please contact the CMP at onthemark@thecmp.org. Please include the name of the event, date, whom the event is open to and contact information and website (if available). The CMP will do its best to accommodate each request to be included in the Calendar of Events.

January

18-20 Jan
Camp Perry Open
Camp Perry, OH

19 Jan
NJROTC Area 12
Anniston, AL

26 Jan
NJROTC Area 8
Anniston, AL

February

1-2 Feb
Dixie Challenge
Anniston, AL

7-9 Feb
JROTC Western Service Championship- Army, USMC, Air Force
Phoenix, AZ
Anniston, AL

15-17 Feb
JROTC Northern Service Championship- Army, Air Force
Camp Perry, OH

15-17 Feb
JROTC Southern Service Championship- Army, Air Force
Anniston, AL

March

2 March
Alabama American Legion Commanders Cup
Anniston, AL

9 March
The Hawkeye Open
Anniston, AL

16 March
CMP Monthly Match
Camp Perry, OH
Anniston, AL

21-23 March
JROTC National Service Championship
Anniston, AL



28-30 March
CMP Air Rifle Regionals
Camp Perry, OH

30 March
State 4-H Championships
Anniston, AL

April

4-6 April
CMP Air Rifle Regionals
Anniston, AL

4-6 April
CMP Air Rifle Western Regionals
Sandy, UT

6 April
North Alabama Rifle League
Anniston, AL

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

26 Apr-5 May
Eastern Games
Camp Butner, NC

7-9 June
Talladega D-Day Match
Talladega, AL

8-9 June
SAFS on the Road- Oregon State Shooting Assoc.
Portland, OR

22-23 June
SAFS on the Road – Fairfax Rod & Gun Club
Manassas, VA

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– ct.thecmp.org –
for ALL
upcoming clinics
and competitions!

Upcoming Air Gun Competitions and Clinics

Competitions

The CMP offers Three-Position Air Rifle (precision and sporter) and 60 Shot Air Rifle and Air Pistol events throughout the year. In all events, competitors fire at electronic targets at a distance of 10 meters.

Upcoming Air Gun events in Winter/Spring include:

- Jan. 18-20 – Camp Perry Open (Air Rifle & Pistol)
- Feb. 7-9, 15-17 – JROTC Air Rifle Regionals
- March 16 – Monthly Match (Air Rifle & Pistol)
- March 21-23 – JROTC Air Rifle Nationals
- March 28-30, April 4-6 – CMP Air Rifle Regionals
- April 13 – Monthly Match (Air Rifle & Pistol)
- May 18 – Monthly Match (Air Rifle & Pistol)



Clinics

Each summer, the CMP sponsors a series of Junior Air Rifle Camps and Clinics to teach intermediate and advanced rifle marksmanship skills to junior shooters and their adult leaders. The camps are led by current NCAA Rifle athletes.

The 2019 Summer Camp dates will be released in January. To view dates and to register, visit the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-competition-center-event-matches/junior-air-rifle-camps-and-clinics/>.

Additionally, a Junior Air Rifle Clinic will also be held during the Camp Perry Open on Jan. 19.



Remember the CMP Publications Page for Educational and Functional Materials

The CMP makes a wide array of printed and electronic media available to assist shooters and coaches of all ages and skill levels. Topics include news & program information, marksmanship instruction, forms & technical manuals and safety & rules.

Many items are free and easy to order through the CMP E-Store or by completing a downloadable Publications Order Form. Shipping and handling may be charged separately depending upon the item's source.

Such items include:

- COACHING YOUNG RIFLE SHOOTERS BY GARY ANDERSON
- CMP GUIDE TO JUNIOR PISTOL SHOOTING
- AIR RIFLE POSITION/SCORING POSTER SERIES
- TEACHING RIFLE POSITIONS TO NEW JUNIOR SHOOTERS
- CMP GUIDE TO RIMFIRE SPORTER, 9TH EDITION and POSTERS
- U.S. ARMY MARKSMANSHIP UNIT PUBLICATIONS
- and MORE!

Safety & Rules and training materials like a CMP Rifle Score Book and Shooter's Journal are also available.

Find out more by visiting the CMP Publications page at <http://thecmp.org/communications/publications/>!



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 <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/> or email CMP Competitions at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.



Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#1286	Scott Rockett	Cary, NC	#1299	Nicole Carvagno	Church Hill, TN
#1287	Shae Cardwell	Stuart, VA	#1300	Kaitlin Irvin	Gray, TN
#1288	Ashley Sprague	Swanzy, NH	#1301	Andrew Larson	Buda, TX
#1289	Ben Gatie	Hartville, OH	#1302	Melvin Pell	Augusta, GA
#1290	Stephanie Salvucci	Bartow, FL	#1303	Makayla Poggione	Reno, NV
#1291	Jose Baezaponte	Jacksonville, FL	#1304	Adam Zlata	Sapulpa, OK
#1292	Morgan Frank	Bowdon, GA	#1305	Hannah Brown	Pueblo, CO
#1293	Addison Altman	Carrollton, GA	#1306	Nicholas Mullins	Selma, CA
#1294	Sawyer Williams	Lula, GA	#1307	Jennifer Olivieri-Knox	Pueblo, CO
#1295	Douglas McWhorter	Springville, AL	#1308	Carla Delarosa	Zion, IL
#1296	Sara Benesh	Yuba City, CA	#1309	Austin Martinez	Freeport, IL
#1297	Megan Knapp	Gulfport, FL	#1310	Cameryn Raynor	Jonesborough, TN
#1298	Allison Wagle	Bartow, FL	#1311	Anxhela Hila	Gulfport, FL



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The Season of Giving

Generosity on the range

Family New to Shooting Receives Unexpected Generosity During First CMP Experience

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, Ohio – “We got really lucky. We were just full of luck this trip.”

Joanne Sanchez beamed a smile that was filled with obvious gratitude as she looked back on her first trip to the Civilian Marksmanship Program’s (CMP) National Matches at Camp Perry with her husband Pedro (Pete) and their son Jayden, back in July.

A trip that was a dream come true for 10-year-old Jayden and his family nearly became a nightmare when everything they had planned quickly unraveled before their eyes. But, when all seemed lost, their misfortunes were patched by the compassion of strangers in the most unexpected ways.

Back in their hometown of Mission, Texas, the Sanchez family spends a lot of quality time together. Pete and Jayden stay busy playing video games like Minecraft and Roblox and also do a little woodworking on the side. But the real pastime that has brought the family closer together and has taken them on a journey they will never forget is the world of marksmanship.

Even Joanne has given shooting sports a try, firing on steel targets, and admits with a grin, “I’m actually pretty good.” They all compete against each other for fun.

“It’s something we enjoy as a family,” she said.

Pete, a dispatcher with the Mission Police Department, didn’t really become interested in the sport of shooting until Jayden showed an interest around five years old, when he saw his dad with his coworkers working on firearms techniques.



*The Sanchez family after the Rimfire Sporter Match at Camp Perry
(Left to right): Joanne's mother, Jayden, Pete and Joanne*

Jayden gave it a try and became immediately hooked. The interest led him to his own BB gun, firing at his toys for fun, and a few years later eventually led the family to a booth at a hunting and fishing expo where they learned more about further opportunities for Jayden.

The family came in contact with a local coach, and Jayden soon began practice with the South Texas Shooters 4-H organization. It was there that they first learned about the CMP.

“We took a look at the website and, sure enough, there was stuff for kids and youth shooters that were in 4-H,” Joanne said. “He was thrilled.”

At first, the family thought twice about making the trek to Ohio for the National Matches, with cost being a big concern and with Jayden only competing for just over a year. But after considering all of the possible opportunities there, Joanne said, "You know what – let's do this. Let's go to CMP."

For the next few months, Jayden trained for the CMP event. The family also looked forward at the chance to meet Joanne's aunt, her namesake, whom she had never met before and who lives in New Middletown near Youngstown in Ohio. Coincidentally, a Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP) National Championships at the Cardinal Center in Marengo, Ohio, was also taking place in July. Jayden's team all traveled to the event, and they even dyed their hair blue for the occasion.

The trip was shaping up to be a collection of exciting firsts for the young family, but it soon became the beginning of a string of mishaps that nearly left the Sanchez family broken, both financially and emotionally.

The first setback came when the family stayed in a hotel for the SASP event that assured a shuttle, but in reality, no shuttle existed. After two, three plane rides to get to Ohio, arriving after midnight, they finally made their way to the hotel only to find their rooms weren't ready, and Joanne's mother, who came along for the trip, was forced to sleep on a pullout couch. They also realized they had to drive two hours to and from the Cardinal venue each day for the event.

"It was one thing after another," Joanne said. "It was a disaster."

The family was also unable to get a hotel room around Camp Perry for the National Matches, so they had to drive over an hour each way to get to the range.

"We finally just prayed – and everything came our way," Joanne said. "We're grateful that it happened – it made us stronger."

They finally arrived at Camp Perry the night before, deciding to sit through a Rimfire Sporter class to gain more insight into the unfamiliar match before Jayden competed in the event the next day. It was the most knowledge the family had of the competition before going into it.

On match day, they arrived, checked in and went through the normal routine of getting their gun inspected for qualification. Unfortunately, they came across a few major issues.

Jayden's Ruger .22 rifle stock and trigger had been modified for the rapid fire portion of the SASP Match. Though legal for that event, the rifle specs



Jayden Sanchez came to the National Matches for the first time in 2018 with his parents, all the way from Texas. Along with rifle, Jayden is also interested in archery and shotgun.

didn't meet the CMP standards for competition.

"We thought it was going to be really hard for us to change that trigger," Joanne said, not wanting to affect the other training he was doing with the rifle by tailoring it again and realizing the possible cost involved for alteration.

The family waited around for nearly four hours, trying to figure out what to do to get the gun to meet requirements. They even looked at area sporting goods stores for solutions, but found nothing.



Joanne Sanchez watched eagerly and took photos on the range as Jayden and Pete set up on the firing line.



Pete helped Jayden hang targets on the range for the Rim-fire Match and also stayed by him on the firing line.



Pete, who didn't have a scope of his own, shared equipment with the next firing line over.

Along the way, they met a local family – Alana, Matt and Claudia Muzik. The Muziks, who live in Green Springs, Ohio, just down the road from Camp Perry, are regulars to the CMP air range on base and to other CMP events. Matt, who is trained as a gunsmith, thought that he may be able to help out, but he was also unsuccessful.

Over the course of the day, the Sanchez Family story made its way around Camp Perry, and suddenly, everyone knew their struggle.

“Everyone had heard about us – the little boy having trouble with his gun.” Joanne said. “We walked around and people would recognize us, ‘Hey, are you that family?’”

She recalled and laughed, “Oh, these people are so nice! We’re probably the only family walking around trying to get help.”

Desperate for a solution, the family took a lap around Commercial Row, a vendor road on Camp Perry during the National Matches. So many individuals and vendors offered their services – one tried a spray and a degreaser, another warned against that, saying it could risk ruining the trigger. Then, they visited the CMP armorer trailer where they hoped to get some answers, but they were still unable to get the rifle to meet requirements.

The family began to lose hope.

But then, the staff within the CMP trailer called the headquarters office to see what could be done. Kathy Williams, who was working the front desk that day, stayed in touch with the family, assuring them they could, “make it happen.”

And, they did.



People surrounding Pete and Jayden gave them tips on shooting techniques and gave them aide whenever they needed it.



SSgt Stephen Ferguson (yellow), who is known for his willingness help others, was one of the many people who supported the Sanchez family during the Rimfire Event.



During the Rimfire Sporter Match, Jayden used a borrowed rifle that was provided by the CMP.

After a little scrambling and arranging, the CMP employees got together to round up a spare rifle for Jayden to use. A CMP staff member even took the rifle home to his own personal backyard range and tested its accuracy and safety.

"He went beyond," said Joanne.

"Everybody did – everybody did," Pete added, with tears in his eyes. "We were crying our eyes out."

"We cried – we literally cried," Joanne admitted. "We thanked God. We had actually prayed. We were just excited to not go home."

"To everyone else, it might seem like nothing, but to us, coming all this way from South Texas, it meant everything," she said. "You don't see that very often."

Pete was especially emotional during the ordeal. He thought back on the event, and with clear sincerity in his voice, said, "Back home, pretty much any sport that I know of, there's always that rivalry – players on opposite teams don't really help each other out. If someone needs help, they kind of turn a blind eye. But when we got to this sport, even back home, the families always help each other out."

He went on, "When we came here – perfect strangers, like the Muziks. We met them at registration. We knew them for maybe 30 minutes, and this family



Jayden, who loves to read, kept his grades up in school so that he would be able to make the trip to Ohio in July – a policy put in place by his 4-H team.

was already willing to help us out as much as they could. He even told us, 'Get the parts, come to my house and we'll put it together for you so it's ready for tomorrow.'"

"This guy had never known us before, and he was ready to open up his home for us. People off the street were trying to find something for us. We were thinking we were going to have to go and spend another hundred-some dollars to get a new trigger just so he could compete. We were trying to figure out if we had to spend that, how are we going to make it for the rest of the time we're here, and how are we going to get back?"



Jayden and his family take the time to enjoy each other's company on a regular basis, playing video games and shooting together.

"Once again, people who didn't even know about us said, 'We're going to help you out. We're going to get him going, and he's going to shoot.' And the CMP lent us a rifle," Pete said, wiping the grateful tears away.

Finally, after all of the worry, frustration and nearly having to end their trip early without the chance to fire at the National Matches, one of their biggest motivations for making the long journey to Ohio, Jayden was going to be able shoot.

"At first, I was nervous because I didn't know how I was going to do or if the rifle would jam or anything, but after the sighting in, I felt good about it," Jayden said. "I started getting the hang of it."

Once on the range, the challenges didn't end, but neither did the support. The family didn't have much equipment and didn't have the means to buy more. Pete didn't know how he was going to be able to see Jayden's shots without a scope or binoculars. But, fate stepped in again as the family was squadded on the firing point next to talented marksman and junior instructor, SSgt Stephen Ferguson of the U.S. Marine Corps.

With all of his equipment already set up on his firing point, Ferguson was more than happy to lend the family a hand.

"He noticed we didn't have anything, and he didn't even hesitate – 'Here, use this,'" Pete said. "Not many people would do that."

Ferguson also taught Jayden how to properly hold the rifle and gave him shooting tips, like telling him to go slower with his shots.

"Ferguson didn't hesitate to help," Pete said. "He jumped in and said, 'Hey, buddy! Here's what you've got to do...' And he was able to get him to where he needed to be."

Ferguson wasn't the only person on the line ready and willing to jump in to assist the family. Another shooter on the line also gave Jayden and Pete advice on technique, and a Range Officer who was a 4-H coach showed Jayden how to fix his stance.

"I mean that's—it's amazing," Pete said again, genuinely thankful. "He has a tough job to do as it is, and he took time



Jayden embraced his mother after the match as Joanne's mother and aunt looked on.

out of that to help. It was really awesome."

It was all part of what made Jayden's experience at his first National Matches unprecedented and absolutely unforgettable.

"My favorite parts were the support that people gave me, the tips, and meeting new people. And just having fun," he said.

Also on the range during the event was Joanne's aunt, who came all the way to Camp Perry to watch Jayden shoot.

"What better way to meet us than to come see our son compete against the nation?" Joanne said with a smile.

With their first incredible National Matches experience now imbedded into their memories, the family has already looked into more rifle events Jayden can participate in next year, and they've even looked at events that they can all do together as a family. They're also going to try to bring more Texas families along with them next time.

"We'll definitely be back," Pete said.

"Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts," Joanne added, speaking to everyone who aided them during the trip. "There are some nice families – very generous."

And as for Jayden, he plans to come back with a lofty goal – winning the entire Rimfire event. With or without blue hair.

CMP Welcomes Our Newly-Affiliated Clubs

The CMP welcomes clubs and associations to affiliate with us to help develop firearm safety and marksmanship skills. See our clubs page on the Web for more information about the benefits of club affiliation at <http://thecmp.org/clubs/>.

West Bend Barton Sportsman's Club,
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& Jr Division, Greer, SC
Virginia Firearms Education and
Marksmanship, King George, VA
Highland Junior Shooting Club,
Pocahontas, IL
Military Arms, Davis, CA
Defiance Area Fish and Game Rifle
and Pistol Club, Defiance, OH
Seminole County Gun and Archery
Assoc., Sanford, FL
WE Sports Club Inc, Wind Lake, WI
Kansas Hunter Education, Pratt, KS
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club,
Omaha, NE
Danvers Fish & Game Club Jr. Div.,
Middleton, MA
Humboldt Rifle & Pistol Club & Jr. Div.,
Dakota City, IA
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Norfolk, NE
Detroit Sportsmens Congress, Utica, MI
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Ypsilanti, MI
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Scarborough, ME
American Legion Post 435, Richfield, MN



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Morehead, KY
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San Mateo, CA
Suburban Pistol League, Springfield, NJ
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Lake Garnett Sporting Club, Inc., Garnett, KS
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Throughout its history, the CMP has prepared an ever-growing number of shooters with firearm safety and marksmanship skills through its programs, clinics and other events. With the hope to spread the promotion of marksmanship and shooting sports, other organizations have joined CMP in its efforts by creating their own hometown clubs. Whenever possible, we recognize these clubs and their achievements in our publications. If you would like your club recognized, please email photos, captions and a short article to abrugnone@thecmp.org.

Lady Athletes Lead At 2018 Gary Anderson Invitational Air Rifle Event

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

CAMP PERRY, Ohio; ANNISTON, Ala. – The firing line belonged to the girls during the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) annual Gary Anderson Invitational (GAI) air rifle event, as they secured all of the podium spots in both the precision and sporter classes. They also represented seven of the eight Finals athletes in the sporter class and maintained four finalist spots in the precision match before representing seven of the eight winning marksmen in the team event – with one skillful gentleman also offering his talents towards their victory.

A total of 363 junior athletes from around the country trekked north or south to the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center in Ohio and the CMP South Competition Center in Anniston, Ala., Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 to compete in the match. The 3x20 aggregate air rifle event allows competitors to go “shoulder-to-shoulder,” even while miles apart, by combining scores from both locations to determine overall winners.

In the precision individual match, Katrina Demerle, 14, of the Fairfield Sportsmen's Association in Ohio, fired an aggregate score (3x20 plus Final) of 690.1 to claim the overall win. Following in second was Natalie Perrin, 16, of the Demmer Center Jr. Shooters from Michigan, with a score of 688.1. Emily Buck, 13, of the Shelby County Shooting Sports Association (SCSSA) from in Alabama, rounded out the Top 3, with her score of 685.1.

All Top 3 athletes in the sporter class also posted outstanding scores, with Nicole Carvagno, 16, of Volunteer High School in Tennessee, snatching the overall win with a score of 649.9. Trailing just behind Carvagno in second was Bailey Hoenig, 17, of Zion Benton High School in Illinois, with 648.4. Jaden-Ann Fraser, 16, also of Volunteer High School, earned the third place position with a score of 646.3.



A team competition was held concurrently during the event, combining the individual scores of a four-person team. Additionally, teams were ranked as either Scholastic or Club, based on affiliation.

SCSSA 1 led the field of over 50 precision teams in the competition. Members Emily Buck, Maggie and Claire Vonderau, and Jakob Hill reached a combined score of 2320-143x for the win. Demmer Center Jr. Shooters landed in second in the match, as Hawkeyes Precision out of Alabama took third. The teams were also the Top 3 Club teams of the event.

In sporter, Volunteer High School members Nicole Carvagno, Jaden-Ann Fraser, Maritsa Wolfe and Olivia Cattrell tallied a score of 2195-70x to lead overall. Zion Benton took the second place spot, followed by South Panola from Mississippi in third. The trio were the leading Scholastic teams of the GAI. Over 20 teams competed in the sporter team matchup.

For a complete list of results, visit <https://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=17444>.

About the Gary Anderson Invitational:

The Gary Anderson Invitational is a three-position air rifle tournament that follows the 3x20 course of fire. Each shooter fires 20 record shots from prone, standing and kneeling positions, with the Top 8 shooters advancing to the final. Winners are determined from overall scores comprised from competitors at the CMP Gary Anderson Competition Center located at Camp Perry and CMP South competitors in Anniston (3x20 plus Final scores). Schools, junior clubs and individuals are welcome to participate in the annual competition.



Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including the New England and Western Travel Games, Gary Anderson Invitational, Dixie Double and Monthly Air Gun Matches.



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