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Cushman and Pratt Produce Record-Breaking Performances at 2013 National JROTC Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ANNISTON, Ala. – Teams and individuals made the haul to the CMP South facilities in Anniston, AL to compete in the National JROTC Championships March 21-23, 2013. Over 7,300 cadets around the country participated in the CMP Postal competitions this year, with 890 moving on to their branch's Service Competition. A total of 212 JROTC athletes competed at the National JROTC Championship, displaying the top JROTC shooters in the nation.

“We’ve got some great kids here – very talented shooters,” said Larry Pendergrass, chief range officer for the event.

The championship was broken down into two days of competition and finals. Gold, silver and bronze medalists were determined from each day's combined scores and final results. Overall winners were established after the two-day competition was complete.

At the end of the first day of competition, Hunter Cushman, 16, of King George High School in King George, VA, led the sporter division with an aggregate score of 564, securing him a spot in the finals. Todd Mazur, 18, of Killeen High School in Killeen, TX, followed close behind with a combined score of 563. In third at the end of Day 1 was Preston Barnette, 17, of Moss Point High School in Moss Point, MS, who fired a 560.

Also firing in the final match of the day was Giovanni Gutierrez of East Aurora High School in Aurora, IL, Alexi Henry of Wagener-Salley High School in Wagener, SC, Rachel Mangan of Walhalla High School in Walhalla, SC, Alex Bapties of Cumberland High School in Cumberland, VA and Jared Sarkela of North Brunswick High School in Leland, NC.



Marissa Furney had a cow as she won first overall in the precision class.

Benjamin Estes, 17, of Ozark High School in Ozark, MO, was at the top of the precision class at the conclusion of record fire on Day 1, achieving an aggregate score of 592. Colt Gross, 17, of North Augusta High School in North Augusta, SC, fired a

score of 590, while Marissa Furney, 18, of Columbus High School in Columbus, GA, rounded out the Top 3 with a combined score of 589 to advance to the Finals.

Next to Furney on the firing line followed Frank Hargadon of Shelby County High School in Shelbyville, KY, Rebecca Godwin of North Forsyth High School in Cumming, GA, Logan Hunt of Ozark High School, Duncan Pawloski of Lady Bird Johnson High School in San Antonio, TX, and defending champion Heather Kirby of Shelby County High School.

After a hard fought, back-and-forth match, Hunter Cushman was able to come out on top, taking home the Day 1 gold medal in the sporter class after firing a 655.2 aggregate score. Following closely throughout the final match was



Mary Pratt set a new National record for the Air Force JROTC 3x20 and the 3x20 plus final during the match.

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Information about the CMP may be viewed on the CMP web site, www.thecmp.org or on the CMP online newsletter, **The First Shot**, at www.odcmp.org.

On the Cover: Ian Foos of Bellevue, Ohio, was the top Precision Shooter in the CMP Regional Championships. Foos also helped his team, the Ottawa County Shooting Stars 4-H Club, secure a spot in the National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship.

Ian Foos Fires Record-Breaking Score at First CMP Regional Championships

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, NM; CAMP PERRY, OH; ANNISTON, AL – The first ever Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Regional 3-P Championships were recently held over a two-day competition April 4-6 at Camp Perry, OH, and April 11-13 in Albuquerque, NM, and Anniston, AL. The event was created by CMP to combine talented junior shooters from JROTC programs as well as from public and private shooting clubs, 4-H groups, American Legion teams and other organizations across the country.

Many junior shooters took advantage of the match, with 921 shooters participating in the postal phase of the competition and a total of 333 competing at the Regional level.

"This was a great competition. It gave the kids a chance to compete against shooters from other backgrounds," said Scott Henderson, coach of the Borealis Bullseyes 4-H Shooting Sports Club from Alaska, who placed 2nd in the precision class at the Albuquerque location and 7th overall. "We made a very long trip to get here, but we're glad we came. The kids enjoyed it."

Iran Rodriguez, 16, of Zion Benton High School in Zion, IL, also enjoyed the competition as she earned the title of individual sporter champion, firing a 1202.4-38 aggregate score. Rachel Mangan, 18, of Walhalla High School in Walhalla, SC, placed 2nd with her score of 1199.4-44, followed by Jonathan Gove, 16, of Franklin County High School in Rocky Mount, VA, in 3rd with a score of 1193.9-33.

Topping the precision class was Ian Foos, 16, of the Ottawa County 4-H Club in Ohio with a combined score of 1276.2-77. Foos also set a new 4-H Shooting Sport individual precision record, firing a Finals score of 103.2.



Ian Foos of the Ottawa County 4-H Club topped the overall precision class with a score of 1276.2-77. He also set a new individual National Record for 4-H Shooting Sports.



Frazier-Simplex won the overall precision team competition, followed by Oil City Junior Rifle Club and the Ottawa County 4-H. All of the teams fired at the Camp Perry location.

"I can't believe it. I've never broken one before," Foos said after learning he had claimed the honor.

His father, Brian Foos, was present when Ian learned he had placed his name in the record books. He looked at his son and responded as any proud parent would.

"Wow, that's amazing," he said wide-eyed, with a smile. "We're very excited for him."

Ariana Grabowski, 17, of the Frazier-Simplex Rifle Club in Washington, PA, came up just short of Foos with an aggregate score of 1271.4-72, good for 2nd overall, followed by Duncan Pawloski, 17, of Johnson High School in San Antonio, TX, who fired a score of 1269.9-78 for 3rd place.

In team competition, Franklin County High School took home the gold in the sporter class division with a combined score of 4326-111. Members are Jonathan Gove, Michael Barton, Brantley Santrock and Cody Ashby. Coach Lt. Col. William Carter leads the team.

Along with a first place CMP trophy and gold medals, Franklin County received a \$5,000 from Midway USA, added to their endowment, and \$1,500 from CMP.

Zion Benton High School came in 2nd place with a score of 4322-122, followed by Kirtland Central High School Air Rifle Marksmanship Team from Kirtland, NM.

Second place teams received a \$3,500 endowment from Midway USA and \$1,200 from CMP, while third place teams received a \$2,500 endowment from Midway USA and \$800 from CMP.

Frazier-Simplex Rifle Club led the precision team competition with a score of 4617-251. Shooters who helped achieve that score were Ariana Grabowski, Nicolle Thiry, Nicholle Benedict and Morgan Duerr. The team is coached by CDR Thomas Benedict. Frazier-Simplex also received a first place CMP trophy and gold medals, as well



Ariana Grabowski earned a silver medal in the precision competition.



Franklin County High School claimed the overall sporter team title, firing a 4326-111.

as a \$5,000 from Midway USA for their endowment and \$1,500 from CMP.

Following in 2nd place was Oil City Junior Rifle Club from Oil City, PA, with a score of 4614-245. Ottawa County 4-H came in 3rd place overall, firing an aggregate score of 4612-263.

At the end of the competition, 14 teams (consisting of 4 members and 1 alternate)

and 5 individuals in each shooting class qualified for the CMP National 3P Air Rifle Championship, to be held in Anniston, AL, July 6-9.

Cody Sanchez, 16, of Valencia County 4-H in New Mexico finished in 3rd place at the Albuquerque location and 10th overall, earning himself a place at the National Championship. After his determination and skill paid off at Regionals,



Jonathan Gove of Franklin County High School finished in 3rd place overall in the sporter division.



Iran Rodriguez was the overall sporter champion with her aggregate score of 1202.4-38.

Sanchez said he's going to commemorate his personal triumph by setting a new goal for himself that's most likely on the minds of all who are making the trek to Alabama.

"I'm going to celebrate by taking a trip to Anniston and hopefully come home with a victory," he said with a smile.

Each team that qualified and attended a Regional Championship at one of the three locations was awarded a \$500 endowment from Midway USA Foundation. Midway USA is a leading U.S. firearms products retailer, committed to helping sustain junior shooting programs across the country. Midway USA is the official sponsor of the CMP Postal, Regional and National Championships.

For full Regional Championship results, visit <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=9743>. A list of National Qualifiers may be viewed on the CMP website at <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/NatQualifiers.pdf>.



Cody Sanchez placed 10th overall to qualify for the National competition.



Teams came from as far as Alaska to compete in the Regional event. The Borealis Bullseyes placed 7th overall – good enough to earn an invitation to compete at Nationals.



Duncan Pawloski of Johnson High School fired a 1269.9-78 for a gold medal at the Albuquerque location and 3rd place overall in the precision competition.



Kirtland Central High School earned 1st place at the Albuquerque location and 3rd place overall in the sporter team competition.

CMP Awards over \$150,000 in Youth Scholarships

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has presented the 2013-2014 CMP Youth Scholarships to many qualified applicants across the country. Recipients hailed from JROTC schools, 4-H groups and shooting clubs and exhibited continuing excellence in marksmanship during their shooting careers.

The scholarship selection meeting was held on March 28, 2013. Eligible applicants were graduating seniors who participated in marksmanship programs and JROTC Service Championships, who also excelled academically.

This year, one applicant received a perfect score from the CMP Scholarship Selection Committee – the first time ever in the scholarship's existence.

Malia Carson of Vilseck High School in Apo, AE, stationed in Germany, earned the honor after she impressed the committee with her 4.09 GPA, high ACT and SAT scores, participation in AP classes and her involvement in varsity soccer and cross country (where she is captain for both teams), JROTC, student council executive board president and Cadet Company First Sergeant – just to name a few of her many accomplishments. She has also helped her fellow man by logging more than 100 volunteer hours.

In her application, Carson described what marksmanship has done to shape her attitude when it comes to managing her many involvements by saying, "All of these activities stack up responsibilities and carry with them a high level of stress. Fortunately for me, marksmanship has taught me how to channel this stress and keep a level head."

With marksmanship, her successes include Conference Top Shooter and Conference High Kneeling and Prone in 2011, Conference Top Score, VHS "Master Blaster" for Highest Average Score for the season and an individual Top 10 finish at the JROTC Service Championships at Camp Perry in 2012 and Top 20 finish in 2013.

Outside of her own triumphs, Carson has also displayed skills that have benefitted her peers as well. Her teacher Richard Ritter described her ability to lift others towards success, saying, "If there is one particular leadership trait that Malia exhibits constantly . . . it is her strong interpersonal skills. I have witnessed her reach out to all sorts of students at our school . . . to make sure that they feel included . . ."

Growing up on a military base overseas, Carson has had to endure challenges unlike those in the average childhood. Experiences with cultural differences and language barriers have helped mold her into the person she has become.

Her Army instructor, SFC Mitchell Pollock, explained the sort of impact her upbringing has made on the strength of her character by saying, "She has made a commitment to not only surviving, but to thriving in this foreign environment."

Though she has accomplished a multitude of feats already, she's far from being done. She has confessed to having "dreams and goals that are so massive, they make my head hurt some nights," such as running a triathlon, qualifying for the Marksmanship Junior Olympics and becoming a biathlon shooter, video journalist, ER nurse and Child Life Specialist.

When it comes to success, so far, Carson has hit the bullseye. As for her highest dreams for the future, she'd like to "travel the world, watch my efforts change someone's life and live without regrets," she said.

Scholarship winners are chosen based on marksmanship participation, grade point average and merit, to be used towards a pursuit of higher education. A full list of scholarship winners can be found on the CMP website at <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Scholarships.htm>.



Malia Carson of Vilseck High School in Germany was one of the recipients of the 2013-2014 CMP Youth Scholarships.

SHOOTING AS A LIFETIME SPORT

By Gary Anderson, DCME

Shooting is a lifetime sport with a lifetime of great opportunities and experiences. Junior shooting leaders have a special responsibility to prepare their youth participants for this future by making them aware of the opportunities that await them after they move on from junior shooting. One objective of every junior shooting program should be to encourage as many juniors as possible to continue shooting and become participants in other shooting disciplines that are practiced by shooters of all ages.

Unfortunately, the way junior shooting in the USA is structured makes it especially difficult for juniors to continue in shooting. In the USA, most juniors belong to school rifle teams, junior shooting clubs or 4-H clubs where eligibility is based on age. For most, eligibility ends when they graduate from high school. These programs do a great job of engaging youth in target shooting, but one of the shortcomings of this American junior shooting model is that it does not provide young shooters with shooting sports opportunities after high school.

Junior shooting programs in the USA are not directly linked to shooting programs for young adults and adults. When juniors graduate from high school, their access to coaching, a shooting range and equipment is no longer available. They are left on their own, often without even knowing there is a larger shooting sport that would welcome their participation.

The purpose of this article is to further the idea that all junior shooting sports participants should be informed about future shooting opportunities and encouraged to try some of these shooting disciplines before their rifle or junior club team experiences end. This article describes leading shooting sports disciplines that are open for participation after high school and tells how to get more information about them.

The Foundation for Success is Already There

Many state service rifle teams eagerly recruit juniors who are active on 3-position air rifle or smallbore rifle teams because they know these juniors already have skills that can quickly be transferred to highpower rifle shooting. Juniors who shoot air or smallbore rifle events already have sound shooting positions and know how to hold steady and execute good shots. They don't have to be taught how to shoot. They just have to adapt their skills to the requirements of the new shooting discipline.

Junior 3-position air or smallbore rifle shooting may indeed be the most effective way for young shooters to



Shooting is a lifetime sport where skills learned and experiences enjoyed as a junior shooter can continue as long as a person remains physically active. All young shooters should be encouraged to think about staying active in shooting after they leave their junior programs.

“DISCIPLINES” IN SHOOTING

Disciplines are different sub-groups of events within the overall sport of shooting. The many different disciplines or types of shooting that offer future participation and lifetime shooting opportunities for junior shooters include:

- College Rifle Shooting
- Air Rifle Shooting
- Smallbore Position Shooting
- Highpower Service Rifle
- As-Issued Military Rifle
- Rimfire Sporter
- Target Pistol Shooting

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learn the fundamental skills of target rifle shooting. They know how to handle guns safely and how to handle themselves on firing ranges. The targets and courses of fire in junior rifle shooting are difficult so participants must develop stable positions and the ability to fire especially accurate shots. When they decide to move on to another shooting discipline, they find that the learning curve is often very short. Every shooting discipline has its own unique challenges, but with the foundation they have been given juniors will find themselves well prepared to participate in almost all other target shooting disciplines.

Transition Models

For a young person who has just graduated from high school, moving from three-position air or smallbore rifle shooting to becoming active in a new shooting discipline that goes beyond the school years is not a seamless progression. Whether a young shooter can move directly into another discipline depends very much on the shooting discipline and his/her life circumstances. For top junior rifle shooters who go on to shoot on a college rifle team, the change from junior shooting to college shooting is immediate, but college shooting too will end four or five years later when the quest to keep young participants in shooting must start anew.

Junior shooters who are members of traditional shooting clubs that have both junior and adult programs may find opportunities within their home club to continue shooting in highpower rifle or smallbore position shooting. For many other youth, their first years after high school are years when doing any shooting is almost impossible because they don't have access to a club and are concentrating on completing their education or getting established with a job and family. There is typically little time or money for recreational shooting.

Nevertheless, junior leaders should try to give young shooters information about future shooting sports opportunities that they can pursue when the time is right. Junior shooters should leave their school age programs knowing about these opportunities and looking forward to returning to a new shooting discipline, even if it takes several years. Here are brief descriptions of some shooting activities that will welcome their participation whether it occurs immediately after high school or when they return several years later.

Varsity College Rifle Teams

What Is It? Varsity rifle teams supported by school athletic departments headline shooting sports programs in American colleges and universities. Limited numbers

of athletic scholarships are awarded to the very best shooters who advance from junior rifle programs. Some schools have women only teams while others are co-ed. NCAA rifle teams compete in high-level competitions that culminate in the prestigious NCAA Championship in March of each year. The standard college rifle course of fire includes both a 60-shot air rifle standing event and a 3x20 50-foot 3-position smallbore rifle event. In college shooting, team results are the most important. Five-member teams fire with the top four scores counting.

What Juniors Need to Know? The first thing juniors need to know about shooting in college is that becoming a member of an NCAA college rifle team is highly selective. College coaches recruit team members based on precision air rifle and smallbore scores shot in major junior competitions. Only the very best junior rifle shooters are awarded scholarships or are even invited to walk on with a top college team. The second thing they must know is that getting on a college rifle team means starting early, at least two or three years before graduating. Juniors who shoot 3-position air rifle and who want to shoot in college must shoot in the precision air rifle category. They must work very hard to improve their skills and scores and they must compete in the most important junior competitions.

College rifle coaches attend many of these competitions to scout for talent. The third thing juniors who hope to shoot on a college rifle team must know is that they need to acquire their own equipment including a

precision air rifle, a position smallbore rifle and a full set of rifle clothing. College rifle teams typically do not provide this highly individualized technical equipment.

Where To Get More Information. The NCAA website at <http://www.ncaa.com/sports/rifle/d1> is a good place to start in obtaining basic information about the NCAA rifle program and the schools that have varsity rifle team programs. If a junior is interested in going to a particular college, they can contact the rifle coach at



The NCAA website now provides a lot of interesting information about varsity college rifle teams.

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that school, but they need to know that the NCAA has strict regulations regarding how and when coaches can communicate with prospective athletes.

THE OLYMPIC PATH IN RIFLE

What Is It? The “Olympic path” for an outstanding junior rifle shooter is a sequence of developmental opportunities to pursue on the way to reaching a competitive performance level that makes earning positions on the USA National Team that competes in World Cups, World Championships and the Olympic Games a realistic possibility. For rifle shooters, the path almost always includes shooting on an NCAA varsity rifle team followed by additional and even more intensive training at the Olympic Training Center or the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit. While following the path the best young shooters should qualify for membership on the National Development Team (National Junior Team) and then the National Team where selection to represent the USA in ISSF World Cups and other international championships offers opportunities to win medals in these competitions.



The “Olympic path” followed by 2012 Olympic rifle gold medalist Jamie Gray is a model for any young shooter who wants to pursue the Olympic dream. Jamie began as a 4-position BB Gun shooter, then participated in 3-position air and smallbore rifle as a junior club member before going on to excel as a college rifle shooter. She then became a resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center.

What Juniors Need to Know? For many young shooters, achieving excellence in international competitions is the highest goal to which they can aspire, but it is also a goal that cannot be achieved without many years of extraordinarily hard work. Anyone who is motivated to follow the Olympic path must recognize that going from being an outstanding junior rifle shooter to being an Olympic medal contender typically involves eight to ten years of dedicated

effort. This requires so much time to be spent in training and competitions that it is virtually

impossible to pursue a normal career. Moreover, having a very supportive family is absolutely essential.

Where to Get More Information. USA Shooting (<http://www.usashooting.org/>), the U. S. national governing body for Olympic shooting is the place to start in obtaining more information about the Olympic path.

COLLEGE CLUB SHOOTING IN RIFLE OR PISTOL

What Is It? In many American colleges and universities, rifle and pistol shooting is done on a club basis where students join rifle, pistol or shotgun clubs that are usually organized under the auspices of college student unions or recreation programs. Unlike NCAA college rifle teams, membership in college shooting clubs is generally open to anyone interested in continuing shooting. Most college club rifle and pistol teams have access to an indoor range, engage in regular practice sessions and compete in a limited series of matches. The NRA sponsors annual College Rifle and Pistol Championships for college club teams in conjunction with the Army Marksmanship Unit.

What Juniors Need to Know? For juniors who go on to college and who want to continue target shooting, college rifle or pistol clubs offer excellent opportunities. In most cases, anyone who shoots in college will need to have their own equipment including a precision air rifle and/or a position smallbore rifle and a full set of rifle clothing. Scholarships are not available for club rifle shooting. The emphasis in college shooting clubs is much more on enjoying the camaraderie of club life while being able to continue practicing and competing in a shooting activity.

Where to Get More Information. The NRA Collegiate Shooting Sports Directory (available online at <http://compete.nra.org/collegiate-shooting-programs.aspx>) provides much useful information about colleges and universities that have club rifle and pistol programs and how to contact them.

AIR RIFLE AND SMALLBORE POSITION SHOOTING

What Is It? Air rifle standing matches, fired on indoor 10-meter ranges or smallbore 3-position competitions, shot on indoor 50-foot or outdoor 50 yard/meter ranges under USA Shooting or NRA rules that generally follow international rules, are available in several parts of the country. The CMP and USA Shooting conduct major open air rifle matches on electronic target ranges at

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Camp Perry, Ohio; Colorado Springs, Colorado and Anniston, Alabama. USA Shooting sponsors important 50-meter position and prone events culminating in annual national championships. The NRA offers annual Sectional Matches and National Championships in various air rifle and smallbore events.

What Juniors Need to Know? Juniors who have their own precision air rifles or precision smallbore rifles together with the necessary rifle clothing can continue to participate in air rifle standing and smallbore position matches. Meaningful participation in air rifle and smallbore matches comes after becoming part of the community of shooters who shoot these matches. The best way to do this is to join a shooting club that sponsors these matches. Many air rifle or smallbore competitors also practice and travel to matches on their own or with one or two friends. Making the transition from indoor shooting where there is no wind to outdoor shooting requires access to an outdoor range where practice in outdoor conditions and wind is possible before going to any matches.

Where to Get More Information. Both the NRA Competitions Department (<http://competitions.nra.org/news-and-events/rifle-programs.aspx>) and USA Shooting (<http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/match-information>) can provide information about air rifle and smallbore matches that might be available in a particular area. The national championships of both organizations are open competitions and offer excellent experiences for shooters who have acquired some experience competing in these events.



The Camp Perry Open that takes place every January hosts one of the largest 10m air rifle and air pistol competitions in the USA. Competitors include both juniors and seniors with skill levels ranging from new shooters to National and Olympic team members.

TARGET PISTOL SHOOTING

What Is It? Target pistol shooting includes 10-meter air pistol events as well as various bulls-eye pistol events for .22 cal. and center-fire pistols that are fired indoors at 50 feet or outdoors at 25 and 50 yards.

What Juniors Need to Know? Junior rifle shooting is actually an excellent foundation for becoming a target pistol shooter. Many former junior rifle shooters used their knowledge and love of shooting to get them off to a good start in target pistol shooting. It is necessary to acquire a suitable target pistol; obtaining a target air pistol is usually the best way to start. One of the advantages of starting with an air pistol is that it can be fired at home because a safe 10-meter range can be set up just about anywhere. This can be important because



Junior rifle training can provide a great foundation for shooters who would like to get into target pistol shooting after they leave their junior shooting programs. 10-meter air pistol shooting (shown here) offers many excellent opportunities to continue in shooting in a discipline where the only equipment required in the pistol itself.

becoming a good pistol shooter requires a lot of practice. Once again, joining a shooting club that organizes pistol shooting events is a great way to get advice as well as to have a place to shoot.

Where to Get More Information. The two best sources of information for air pistol and bulls-eye pistol events are the NRA Competitions Department (<http://competitions.nra.org/news-and-events/rifle-programs.aspx>) and USA Shooting (<http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/match-information>). The USA Shooting Pistol Rules (http://www.usashooting.org/library/Rulebooks/2013_USAS_Pistol.pdf) govern air and international-type pistol events. NRA Conventional

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Pistol Rules (http://competitions.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/rules/rul_conv_pistol_13.pdf) govern many outdoor and indoor pistol competitions.

HIGHPOWER SERVICE RIFLE SHOOTING

What Is It? Highpower rifle shooting involves shooting specially accurized U. S. military rifles or commercial equivalent rifles outdoors at ranges of 200, 300 and 600 yards. Highpower rifle events offer firing in three different positions, standing, sitting and prone, with both slow-fire and rapid-fire series. This discipline is very popular in the U. S. because the equipment is affordable



Junior rifle shooters can start shooting highpower service rifles while they are still in school. This is also a shooting discipline that they can continue to shoot for decades after they leave school.

and readily available and because it offers a great variety of shooting challenges in an outdoor setting.

What Juniors Need to Know? Junior shooters with good position shooting skills can get started in highpower service rifle shooting while they are still in school and with their 3-position training they will readily adapt to this new game. Highpower rifle shooting is mostly a summer sport and the National Matches take place in early August so it is an ideal summer activity for young rifle enthusiasts. Most state associations and many clubs sponsor and train junior service rifle teams to compete in state and national championships and usually can provide service rifles and equipment that their junior teams need.

Where to Get More Information. Juniors interested in shooting highpower rifle should first find out if their state association offers a state junior service rifle team program. Contact the CMP State Director (see the listing at <http://www.odcmp.com/Training/SD.htm>) for more information about junior highpower shooting in that state. The CMP is the national governing body for service

rifle shooting (<http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/ServiceRifle.htm>). CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle can be downloaded at <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/Rulebook.pdf>.

AS-ISSUED MILITARY RIFLE SHOOTING

What Is It? As-Issued Military Rifle shooting is a version of highpower rifle shooting that features the use of historic military rifles like the M1 Garand, M1903 Springfield, M1 Carbine and several foreign military rifles. Shooting is done at 100 or 200 yards in the prone, standing and sometimes the sitting positions. Since the rifles must be “as-issued” without modifications, equipment costs are relatively low. By using military rifles that are 50 to 100 or more years old, this shooting discipline becomes a form of historic reenactment that gives it a special appeal. A newer Vintage Sniper Rifle Match for two-person teams that is shot at 300 and 600 yards with original or replica military sniper rifles was recently introduced as a new military rifle event.

What Juniors Need to Know? As-issued military rifle shooting is normally done through shooting clubs that have 100 or 200-yard outdoor ranges. Many clubs offer new shooter clinics where loaner rifles are available. For persons who are looking for a shooting discipline that stresses fun and camaraderie rather than intense competition, shooting these old military rifles can be especially rewarding. Military rifles have also become the object of a major collector enterprise that specializes in collecting variations of these rifles.



As-Issued Military Rifle shooting is a fun-oriented game that can be done by shooters of all ages with rifles like this M1903A3 Springfield that have great historical significance.

SHOOTING AS A LIFETIME SPORT

Where to Get More Information. The CMP is the governing body for As-Issued Military Rifle shooting. The Competition Rules for CMP Games Rifle and Pistol Matches can be downloaded at <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/CMPGamesRules.pdf>.

RIMFIRE SPORTER RIFLE SHOOTING

What Is It? Rimfire Sporter Rifle shooting is probably the easiest target shooting discipline in which to get started. Ordinary .22 cal. rimfire sporting type rifles that weigh no more than 7.5 pounds are fired at 50 and 25 yards in a 60-shot 3-position event with both slow-fire and rapid-fire stages. Costs to shoot Rimfire Sporter are extremely low because, except for rifle, sling and spotting scope, no other special equipment is needed or allowed.

What Juniors Need to Know? Rimfire Sporter is truly a shooting discipline for persons of all ages. Competitors are as young as ten and as old as 90. Juniors who have been shooting sporter class 3-position air rifle events where no special shooting clothing is permitted will find that Rimfire Sporter where shooting jackets are not permitted is ideally suited for them.

Where to Get More Information. The best source of information on Rimfire Sporter shooting is the CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter. This publication includes rules and a complete guide to how to shoot the Rimfire Sporter course of fire. This Guide can be downloaded at <http://www.odcmp.com/Comm/Rimfire.pdf>.

INTRODUCING JUNIORS TO LIFETIME DISCIPLINES

Every year when the National Rimfire Sporter Match takes place at Camp Perry during the National Matches, the 400 plus competitors there will include the junior members of several 4-H and junior shooting clubs. These clubs use this match as a special trip for their members. They shoot BB Gun or Air Rifle position in many of their regular activities, but they use this match to give their juniors the experience of shooting in a new discipline, Rimfire Sporter. These club outings are a great way to introduce their junior shooters to a shooting game that can continue after they are too old for junior shooting.

In order to introduce variety into club or team activities, junior shooting coaches and club leaders may want to look for similar opportunities to make a team or club outing so that their juniors can visit a shooting club where they can see demonstrations or try

a different disciplines that might offer future appeal.

In addition to these shooting disciplines that offer great opportunities for junior shooters to continue shooting, there are other fine shooting disciplines that might capture the interests of shooters who want to continue their sport. These disciplines include highpower match rifle shooting and highpower long range shooting that are governed by the NRA, muzzle-loading shooting governed by the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association, silhouette rifle and pistol shooting governed by the NRA as well as several other shooting disciplines. Indeed, one of the things that makes the shooting sports great is the huge variety of choices that it offers, with so many of these choices offering decades of rewards and fulfillment.



Rimfire Sporter is popular because commonly owned rimfire sporter or plinking-type rifles are used in a 3-position event where special shooting clothing is not permitted. Rimfire Sporter is the most affordable shooting discipline.

About the Author

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Photo courtesy of the ISSF.



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Todd Mazur, who finished with an aggregate score of 652.9 and walked out of the range with the Day 1 silver medal. The bronze medal went to Rachel Mangan, 18, who climbed her way from 6th to 3rd place by the time the last pellet was fired in the final. She finished with a combined score of 646.3.

“I didn’t know what to think coming into the weekend. I just tried to shoot my best,” Cushman said. “I’m on top of the world right now.”

Cushman managed to set two new Navy JROTC National Records in both 3x20 and 3x20 plus final with scores of 564-23 and 655.2 to open Day 1 of the competition. He also set the Navy JROTC kneeling record of 193-7.

In precision, Furney, Gross, Godwin, Kirby, Pawloski and Hunt all returned to fire in the final. Joining them was Mary Pratt of Monroe Area High School in Monroe, GA, who shot a qualifying score of 592, and Brandon Muske of Brenham High School in Brenham, TX, with a qualifying score of 588.

After a close match, Pratt, 15, came out on top, firing an aggregate score of 694.2. Furney earned the silver medal with her score of 692.9, followed closely by Gross, who finished with a combined score of 690.6.

Not only did Pratt earn gold around her neck, she also set a new National record for the Air Force JROTC 3x20 and 3x20 plus final with scores of 592-46 and 694.2. She also tied the Air Force kneeling record of 199-16 and a final score of 102.2.



Carl Hayden High School earned the honor of being named the overall top sporter class team.



Hunter Cushman set two new Navy JROTC National records in the 3x20 and 3x20 plus final on Day 1 of competition. On Day 2, he broke them again.

In overall results, Cushman led the sporter division after shooting a 1222.8 over the course of the weekend. Mazur finished in 2nd place with an aggregate score of 1211.5, and Mangan trailed in 3rd place with a score of 1207.25.

Furney topped the overall precision class with her score of 1281.2, followed by Gross who fired an aggregate score of 1280.6. Pratt took home the bronze medal after finishing the match with a 1280.2 – only four-tenths behind Gross.

Carl Hayden High School was dubbed the overall sporter class team champions. Team members are Alan Rodriguez, Nestor Alvarez, David Nieto and Mario Saenz. They are coached by SFC John Coredero-Torres. The team received a \$350 merchandise certificate from Daisy Outdoor Products as well as a Crosman Challenger Air Rifle.

Ozark High School stood at the top of the podium as the precision class team champions. This year was the third year in a row Ozark has won the overall team competition – once in sporter, twice in precision. Members are Benjamin Estes, Logan Hunt, Makennon Doran and Shelby Brummett. They are coached by 1SG Terry Thompson. The team also set an Army JROTC National record with a team score of 2346-142.

“I’m blessed with a bunch of great kids, and they work really, really hard,” said 1SG Thompson. “They’re like family. I’m so proud of them.”

Monroe Area High School was also recognized for setting the new Air Force JROTC 3x20 team National record with a score of 2305-132.

For a list of all National JROTC Championship results, log on to <http://ct.thecmp.org/app/v1/index.php?do=match&task=edit&match=10019>.

Ozark Fights Adversity to Win Two Straight National JROTC Precision Titles

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

Ozark High School took first place for the second year in a row in the overall precision team category.



ANNISTON, Ala. – “Honestly, winning the National Championship isn’t anything compared to the journey it took to get here,” said Makennon Doran.

The Ozark High School senior from Ozark, MO, summed up his team’s experiences of winning their second JROTC National Championship precision team title after only two years of existence by saying, “We came and knocked it out.”

Coach 1SG Terry Thompson has been with the Ozark rifle team for 18 years. Up until last year, he has only brought sporter teams to the National Championship, winning three National sporter team titles since 2008. Last year was the team’s first year competing in the precision class.

The shift into precision began two years ago when a very talented Ozark sporter shooter decided she wanted to take her shooting ability into the collegiate world. Tessa Howald had always aspired to be on a college rifle team, and she knew that she had the right attitude, support and coach behind her on her search for her dream.

“I knew for her to get good, honest looks by colleges, she was probably going to have to switch to precision,” said Thompson. “I talked with her about that and I talked with her parents.”

With encouragement from her family and teammates, she made the difficult change, and quite successfully. Besides helping her team along to the National title in precision in 2012, she also held many JROTC records. She eventually

joined the Murray State University rifle team in Murray, KY.

Inspired by her lead, others on her Ozark team began to show interest in shooting in college, fueling their drive towards a switch to the precision class.

“It wasn’t an easy transition – not as easy as we thought it would be,” added Logan Hunt, another senior on the Ozark precision team.

“We had some very progressive sporter shooters move up to precision,” said Thompson. “Unfortunately, we’re not financially set to where we’ve got a surplus of precision equipment. Each one of our kids has bought their own equipment, so it took a commitment from them.”

Each shooter had to spend around \$3,000 to \$4,000 on precision equipment to prepare themselves for their new style of shooting. Some got jobs, some received money from family members, and some even received donations from the community.

“The community of Ozark is really supportive of our

JROTC program in general, and they really like the rifle team,” said Shelby Brummett, the lone female senior on the Ozark precision team. “The fancy equipment was nice.”

One of the other challenges in forming the precision team, besides the cost for the shooters, was within Coach Thompson, who had never coached a precision team before. Through talking to other coaches, watching gifted shooters and patience,

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In 2012, Ozark won the overall first place trophy after their debut appearance as a precision team. Senior Tessa Howald held the trophy.

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Thompson began to gain a better understanding of how he could best help his shooters along.

"I had no idea how to coach differently between sporter and precision, so it took me a while. I have slowly picked it up," he said. "I'm blessed with a bunch of great kids, and they work really, really hard."

After months of training, the team members put their new precision skills to the test as they traveled to the 2012 Army JROTC Service Championship, not knowing what to expect during the much-anticipated and prestigious event. Though nervous, Coach Thompson, who had watched his team grow and develop during their demanding practice schedule, had confidence in his shooters.

"I started looking at them and watching them, and I could see they were doing pretty good," he said. "I could see that they were special."

The new Ozark precision team stunned everyone by taking home gold medals in their first JROTC Service Championship as competitors in the precision class. And, as if that wasn't enough, they went on to win the JROTC National Championship team competition in Anniston, AL, overtaking the defending champions, Shelby County High School, by eight commanding points.

"When we won the Service Championship, I thought, it's possible we could win it all. I think we snuck up on everybody," said Thompson. "The kids were tickled to death. They were ecstatic. There were a whole bunch of tears shed."

With "National Champion" rings on their fingers, given to them by their school, and CMP medals around their necks, the team returned to a proud home state. Besides getting to meet the mayor of Ozark, the team was also invited to the state capitol in Jefferson City, MO, where they were introduced on the floor of the State Capitol building.

"It was pretty special," said Coach Thompson.

This year, the team returned to Anniston with new members and fresh attitudes. Because Coach Thompson teaches his shooters to only focus on their next shot instead of things that have happened in the past, the team walked in as if it was their first time on the range.

"We never talk about wins and losses. We just always try to focus on what we can control and how we compete," he said. "The kids don't even know their scores during the matches. We don't discuss it."

At the end of Day 1 of the 2013 competition, the Ozark team had no idea they were leading the pack. Though at the top of their game, the day that followed wasn't without its struggles.

Benjamin Estes, one of their top shooters, became ill during the match. After having to rush to a nearby bathroom, he still managed to shoot his match and fire a respectable score. Shelby Brummett, normally one of the strongest standing shooters, struggled with the position, but came back to fire her personal high in kneeling.

"They could have easily folded, but they didn't," said Coach Thompson. "They stayed tough all through the match."

After they fired their final shots and walked off the range on Day 2, they didn't even glance up at the scoring monitors to see where they ranked – they were completely unaware that they had just won their second National Championship precision title.



The seniors stand with their coach, 1SG Terry Thompson.

Tired after a long two days of competition, the team members anxiously waited in the lobby outside of the range for their coach to meet them.

"Your heart's pumping, you start getting hot and sweaty, and you're just like, something's going to happen, I don't know if it's good or bad, but something's going to happen," explained Brummett as she smiled and laughed.

Then, the proud coach followed behind, eager to give his team the news.

"I told them they had done it again. There were a whole bunch of tears shed again," he said. "Every National Championship is a special moment. To tell yourself that, well, at this time, I'm the best."

"It was an emotional experience," said Hunt as he smiled. "All of the hard work, and finally knowing that it all paid off eventually."



Fellow Ozark teammate Benjamin Estes took home the Day 1 bronze medal at the 2013 Nationals. Estes became ill on Day 2, but fought on, still managing to shoot a respectable score. CMP Special Projects Officer, Denny Lord, presented the medal.

Hunt, unable to keep his feelings to himself, immediately began to bawl genuine tears when he heard his coach utter those words – something he will never forget, and something his teammates aren't soon to let him forget.

"It was a trip, but it was worth it," added Doran.

Sentiments were high between the team members and their coach as they stood above the crowd together on the podium at the JROTC Nationals for the last time. An obvious bond is noticeable from the team that has been joined by years of adversity and determination.

"They are family, really. They're almost like a son or daughter to me," Coach Thompson explained. "You get close to them because we spend a lot of time together. They're going to be missed."

His team members share the devotion.

"We're his extended family," Brummett said. "It's not wins that define a coach. It's the stuff on the side. He teaches us life lessons that I probably would have never gotten if I wasn't in the rifle program."

"He's the most influential man I've ever met," she added, as she smiled.

His three seniors off to college, having signed letters of intent to NCAA rifle teams, Coach Thompson must look to the future of his team. With their now ample experience with precision at the highest levels of competition, Ozark has a new tradition of rifle shooting to uphold, and their coach is ready to see what other heights his team can reach.

"We're just going to have to see if I have another shooter willing to step up to shoot precision," he said. "Hopefully we can keep the tradition going."

CMP Affiliate Rifle Purchase Program



The **CMP Affiliate Rifle Purchase Program** is a CMP program in which CMP-affiliated schools, junior clubs, teams and camps can purchase precision and sporter air rifles and smallbore rifles for target training and competition by beginning to intermediate level shooters. These rifles (except the Savage Mark I-FVT the Savage Mark II-FVT) may be purchased through the CMP delayed payment plan that allows purchaser to distribute payments over a two-year span.

This program is set up to help schools, clubs, junior teams and camps:

- Obtain the most suitable rifles for use in teaching marksmanship to juniors and new shooters.
- Attract more new shooters by providing loaner rifles.
- Obtain club or team rifles especially suitable for beginning and intermediate level shooters.
- Overcome the financial challenges of getting their programs started.

Additional information about this CMP program may be viewed at <http://www.thecmp.org/Clubs/JrRifles.htm> or contact CMP Club Rifle Sales at (419) 635-2141 ext. 1116 or email clubrifle@thecmp.org.

WVU Claims NCAA Rifle Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

West Virginia University (WVU) claimed the title of NCAA Rifle Champions for the 15th time in the school's rifling history during the 2013 NCAA Championships, March 9 and 10 in Columbus, OH. The team finished the competition with a score of 4679, calculated from a combined air rifle score of 2363 and a smallbore score of 2316.

The Mountaineers' final point total was the second highest in NCAA Rifle Championship history. The University of Kentucky's team still holds the record for highest combined score with 4700, fired back in 2011.

Kentucky came in second place overall behind WVU this year with a score of 4670. This is the Wildcats' second consecutive year with a runner-up finish. Defending champs Texas Christian University came into the final day of the match leading by one point, but later fell to claim the 3rd place spot with an aggregate score of 4664.

Though 3rd overall, Texas Christian topped the smallbore team results with a combined score of 2317. Senior Sarah Scherer led the team, firing a 588 in her last appearance at the NCAA Championships.

WVU beat out Kentucky 2363 to 2355 for gold in the air rifle team competition, which included a near-perfect score from team scoring leader, Petra Zublasing.

Zublasing was only two points away from a perfect 600 score in the air rifle competition, firing a 598. She finished her performance at the Championships by earning gold in both the smallbore and air rifle individual events. Originally from Appiano, Italy, Zublasing shot for her home country in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London before dominating the 2013 NCAA Championships.

Coming in behind Zublasing (who fired an aggregate score of 688.3) in smallbore was Henri Junghanel from the University of Kentucky. Junghanel shot a score of 687.8 for the silver medal, followed by Sarah Scherer of Texas Christian University with 686.7 for bronze.

In the individual air rifle match, Zublasing fired a combined score of 701.7 for gold, while Scherer came up short with her score of 695.3 for silver. Cole Tucker of Jacksonville State University also fired a 695.3, but was beat in a shootout by Scherer to put him at 3rd place. Scherer topped Tucker with a 10.5 shot to his 9.8 for the lead.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Brad Donoho and Katie Harrington were present at

the Championship as technical advisors, bringing along with them part of the CMP's \$425,000 mobile range to use during the match.

CMP staff members Matt Carroll and Keegan Singleton help to set up the range on The Ohio State University's campus, which was well received by competitors and coaches.

"Ohio State's coach was amazed at how fast it went up, how fast we could put 26 targets together and have them all wired and ready to go," explained Donoho.

The 26 targets at the NCAA event took about three hours to be assembled. CMP's world-class target range only added to the prestige that the NCAA Championships have become for college competitive shooters over the years.

NCAA competitive rifle shooting has been an established college program since 1980. Tennessee Tech won the first three NCAA titles in the beginning stages of the program. Since then, many schools and individuals have placed their names in the history books with remarkable shooting accomplishments at the collegiate level.



CMP staff members served as Technical Advisors and helped set up part of the CMP's Mobile Range which included 26 electronic targets. Scores were available on-line throughout the NCAA Championship so family members, school-mates and fans could cheer on their favorite team throughout the weekend.

College-bound Shooters Advise Others on How To Take Rifle Competition to the Next Level

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

More than 3.5 million high school students participate in competition riflery throughout the United States each year. Air rifle made its appearance at the collegiate level in 1980. College rifle coaches are constantly in search of rifle shooters, even walk-ons.

To catch the attention of these coaches, some high school shooters transition from sporter to the precision class, since that is the type of rifle shooting done on most college teams. A switch in specialty and proven talent can be just enough for some shooters to get noticed, but that's not all it takes to make it to the college level – just ask those who have been there.

The Ozark High School rifle team from Ozark, MO, recently won the JROTC National Championship precision class team title – the team's second year of achieving the honor in its two-year existence. The traditionally sporter team decided to make the switch to precision after some of their talented shooters showed interest in shooting in college.

The team's astonishing wins during the last few years have brought new attention to its shooters. Three seniors who helped the team reach the precision team title both years are now moving on to college, all receiving money to participate on rifle teams. Though the decision to shoot rifle in college was easy, the road to finding the right school that offered the sport of shooting was not.

Shelby Brummett didn't have enough of her own money to travel to meet the rifle coach at Columbus State University who had contacted her about shooting for his team, but luckily she had the opportunity to speak with him over the phone. After having seen her shoot and being astounded by their impressive phone conversation, the coach offered to pay her way to meet in person.

"I just dazzled him with my personality," said the Ozark shooter, jokingly. "He gave me a free trip to come down there to check things out, which was really cool. It was my first time on my own on a flight."

Because of her skills, she also had the option to shoot at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UT-Martin). Ultimately, after much consideration, Brummett chose to accept the offer to shoot at Columbus State. Meeting with the coach gave her the extra perspective she needed to choose her future, along with the scholarship that came with the deal.

Her teammate Logan Hunt elected to go to UT-Martin. For Hunt, his decision wasn't based on whom he met, but rather on whom he already knew. Asking others about a particular school can be a good way of learning just what a shooting team may have in store and what sort of incentives they present.

"The choice was a lot easier for me because my sister went to the University of Tennessee," he said. "Because they offer college scholarships through shooting, it was a lot easier to go that route."

Teammate Makennon Doran decided to sign a letter of intent with the Air Force Academy. Doran knew that was the school he wanted to attend and worked hard to achieve that goal.

"For me, the application process was about a year. It was a really long process," said Makennon Doran.

Doran had to write a Congressman for a nomination and really work on his ACT score. Luckily for Doran, his hard work paid off when the Air Force Academy asked him to join their rifle team and even offered to pay for all of his college expenses.

All of the Ozark students agree that although being a talented

shooter is essential, bookwork is even more important, especially when helping out with cost.

"Athletic scholarships don't cover everything. It's the other scholarships we're going to have to get," said Shelby Brummett. "Enjoy shooting, make it your passion, but grades come first."

Doran agreed, by adding, "Be a good student, have good grades and have fun."

The star shooters of Ozark also encourage those looking to move onto the college level to never settle for less than their highest dreams.

"Don't let money affect where you want to go. If you want to go there, you make it happen. There are scholarships. Use anything you can get," said Hunt.

"It's supposed to be the best four years of your life. Go where your heart takes you," Brummett added.

Over 30 colleges in the country currently offer rifle shooting. The Division 1 teams are allowed a total of 3.6 scholarships per year. The Division 3 teams are not allowed to provide scholarships. Fortunately, several private sponsors and donors provide high school shooters with generous college rifle scholarships. It's never too early to begin researching scholarships available for passionate shooters. Just a few are listed here:

The **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)** offers \$1000 one-year scholarships assistance to encourage and reward outstanding and deserving high school seniors on the basis of merit to selected high school seniors who are currently enrolled in a team or club that is participating in rifle or pistol marksmanship competitions. The CMP seeks applications from high school seniors who currently compete in marksmanship competitions. Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/Competitions/Scholarships.htm> for more information.

The **National Rifle Association (NRA)** offers The Grand Scholarship to high school attendees to the annual NRA Youth Education Summit (YES). Scholarship recipients can receive between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

High school juniors and seniors in the state of **Maryland** can try for the \$1,000 Dave Ward Memorial Scholarship. This award is offered through the Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. Applicants must write essays on "What Citizenship means to me"; however, they need not be a part of a rifle association to receive the scholarship.

The Matthew J. Stoff Memorial Junior Scholarship is available to **New York** high school students who are part of a competitive shooting sports team. Recipients must be also be members of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. as well as accepted to attend any four-year university or college.

Maintained by the **Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association (ORPA)**, the Donna J. Deal Memorial Scholarship provides \$500 to assist students who are planning to attend any accredited institute of higher education. Recipients must be ORPA members and must have competed for at least two years prior to receiving the scholarship monies. Students should also have maintained a GPA of at least 3.0 during their junior and senior years in high school.

Do you know of other Shooting Sports Scholarships available? Please send the information to Ashley Brugnone at abrugnone@thecmp.org.

Junior Distinguished Badge Program

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

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

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

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

A complete list of juniors who have earned their Junior Distinguished Badge is at www.thecmp.org/3P/EIC.pdf. For more program info, log onto www.thecmp.org/3P/Forms/EICProgram.pdf or email CMP Competitions at 3PAR@TheCMP.org.

Badge #	Name	Hometown	Badge #	Name	Hometown
#545	Cody Ashby	Rocky Mount, VA	#564	Sarah Jameson	Walla Walla, WA
#546	Marissa Furney	Columbus, GA	#565	Austin Garvey	McDonough, GA
#547	Alex Bapties	Cumberland, VA	#566	Preston Barnette	Moss Point, MS
#548	Craig Wiese	Deming, NM	#567	Stormy Sanders	Shreveport, LA
#549	Olivia Horton	Ozark, MO	#568	Louis Garcia	Joshua, TX
#550	Nathaniel Cimino	Fountain, CO	#569	Nestor Alvarez	Phoenix, AZ
#551	Daniel Estrada	Farmington, NM	#570	Taylor Renick	Frankford, WV
#552	Christian Russell	Albuquerque, NM	#571	Mitchell Csorba	Zion, IL
#553	Mary Pratt	Loganville, GA	#572	Hunter Behrends	Fredericksburg, TX
#554	Thomas Gilmore	Madison, NC	#573	Benjamin Frith	King George, VA
#555	Makayla Ragnone	Carson City, NV	#574	Ashley Durham	Mayodan, NC
#556	Jacob Cress	Winthrop Harbor, IL	#575	Aaron Silva	Killeen, TX
#557	Katelyn Powley	Brunswick, GA	#576	Charles Collins	Madison, NC
#558	Alexander Nez	Tuba City, AZ	#577	Lara Lindberg	Benbrook, TX
#559	Courtney Wright	Des Moines, IA	#578	Jonathan Gove	Union Hall, VA
#560	Griselda Sandoval	Des Moines, IA	#579	Matthew Velazquez	Buckeye, AZ
#561	Thomas McGinnis	Albuquerque, NM	#580	Alexander Maberry	Fort Worth, TX
#563	Miquel Batz	Shelbyville, KY	#581	Tyler Kerbs	Zion, IL



Want to Earn YOUR Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?

Visit <http://www.thecmp.org/3P/JrDist.htm> or contact the CMP at 3PAR@thecmp.org or call (419) 635-2141, ext. 1102.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

10-14 June

3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

17-21 June

3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

24-28 June

3P Summer Camp

Camp Perry, OH

1-3 July

Outreach Clinics

6-9 July

National 3P Air Rifle Championship NRA-Junior Olympics-CMP National (Sporter)

Anniston, AL

10 July

3P Clinic & Training Day

Anniston, AL

8 July

CMP-USAMU Pistol SAFS

CMP M9/EIC

1st Shot Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

9 July – 3 August

National Match Air Gun Events

Camp Perry, OH

9 July

CMP Warm-Up Pistol Match

Camp Perry, OH



11-14 July

National 3P Air Rifle Championship NRA-Junior Olympics-CMP National (Precision)

Anniston, AL

14 July

CMP President's 100 Pistol Match

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CMP Pistol Awards Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

15-19 July

3P Summer Camp

Phoenix, AZ

17-19 July

3P Outreach Clinic

Linn, MO



20 July

Rimfire Sporter Clinic

Camp Perry, OH

21 July

Rimfire Sporter Match

Camp Perry, OH

22-26 July

3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

26 July

CMP-USMC Jr Highpower Rifle Clinic

CMP-Remington Adv. Highpower Clinic

GSM Master Instructor Course

Camp Perry, OH

27 July

CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS

CMP-USMC Jr Highpower Rifle Clinic

CMP-Remington Adv. Highpower Clinic

Camp Perry, OH

28 July

CMP-USMC Jr Highpower Rifle Clinic

CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS/ M16 EIC Match

CMP-Remington Adv. Highpower Clinic

CMP Squadded Practice

Camp Perry, OH

29 July

CMP President's 100 Rifle Match

Camp Perry, OH

29 July- 2 August

3P Summer Camp

Anniston, AL

29 July- 2 August

3P Summer Camp

Colorado Springs, CO

30 July

CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle

Match Camp Perry, OH

31 July

CMP Hearst Doubles Match

CMP Springfield Clinic

CMP Vintage Sniper Rifle Match

CMP Junior Team Rifle Match

Camp Perry, OH

1 August

CMP National Trophy Team Rifle Match

CMP M1 Carbine Match

Camp Perry, OH

2 August

CMP National Trophy Infantry Team Match

CMP Springfield/Military Bolt Rifle Match

CMP Garand Clinic

CMP Awards Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

3 August

CMP Garand Match

CMP Springfield/Military Bolt Rifle Match

CMP Games Awards Ceremony

Camp Perry, OH

5-7 August

Advanced Standing Summer Camp

Colorado Springs, CO

5-6 September

GCA Convention

Cody, WY



21 September

Monthly Air Gun Matches

Camp Perry, OH

Anniston, AL

28-29 September

GSM Master Instructor Course

Anniston, AL

11 October

GSM Master Instructor Course

Phoenix, AZ

12-20 October

CMP Western Games

Phoenix, AZ

19 October

Monthly Air Gun Matches

Camp Perry, OH

16 November

Monthly Air Gun Matches

Camp Perry, OH

Anniston, AL

CMP Welcomes Our Newly-Affiliated Clubs

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

Lakeview Sons of the American Legion, Lake View, AL
Camp DeSoto, Mentone, AL
Carroll County Sure Shots, Eureka Springs, AR
Stone County 4H Shooting Sports Club, Mountain View, AR
Dueling Tree Shooting, Cone Hill, AZ
US Mounted Rifles, Huymboldt, AZ
Triple S&E 4-H Club, Tuson, AZ
Imperial Valley Rifle & Pistol Assoc & Jr Div, Imperial, CA
Boy Scouts of America Troop 501, La Canada, CA
Ajax Mining Shooting Sports, Los Altos, CA
Boy Scout Troop 604, Moorpark, CA
Boy Scouts of America - Los Angeles Area Council, Whittier, CA
Teller County 4-H Shooting Sports, Florissant, CO
YMCA Camp Jackson, Rye, CO
Logan County 4-H, Sterling, CO
Heritage Pines Sportsman's Club, Hudson, FL
BSA Troop 106, Lakeland, FL
Okeechobee Shooting Sports LLC, Okeechobee, FL
Venture Crew 2150, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Boy Scout Troop 245, Cumming, GA
Satilla Collegiate Marksmanship Club - Waycross College, Waycross, GA



Hinsdale Boy Scout Troop 8, Clarendon Hills, IL
Backwater Legacies Inc, Ellettsville, IN
The American Legion Post 147, Jasper, IN
The Gun Guys Inc, Ottawa, KS
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 696, Owensboro, KY
Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports, Winchester, KY

United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Holden, LA
APL Gun Club, Laurel, MD
Salisbury Gun Club Inc, Salisbury, MD
Multi-Lakes Conservation Association, Commerce Township, MI
BSA Troop 123, Edina, MN
Kimball Rod & Gun Club, Kimball, MN
Redwood Falls Sportsman's Club, Redwood Falls, MN
Lafayette County 4-H, Oxford, MS



Santa Fe County 4-H, Santa Fe, NM
Target Masters 4-H Club, Tekamah, NE
Troop 61 BSA, East Brunswick, NJ
Union County 4-H, Clayton, NM
Los Lunas Gun Club, Los Lunas, NM
Helderberg Rod & Gun Club, Altamont, NY
Gallia County Gun Club, Bidwell, OH
Tri-County Sportsmen's, Chanal Winchester, OH
Buckeye Firearms Foundation, Inc, Delaware, OH
Boy Scout Troop 387, Galena, OH
Shooters of Maumee Inc, Maumee, OH
SSUMC BSA Troop 101 Shooting Club, Sand Springs, OK
Warner Mountain Gun Club, Lakeview, OR
Hidden Valley Sportsmen's Club, West Middlesex, PA
Greenwood Rangers 4-H Club, Angleton, TX
Buckhorn Shooting Club, Bellville, TX
Elk River Sabot Gun Club, Elkton, TN
Christian Life Preparatory 4-H Club, Fort Worth, TX
BSA Troop 519, Houston, TX
Sharp Shooters 4-H Club, Waco, TX
Winnsboro Gun Club Inc, Winnsboro, TX
Izaak Walton League of America - Alexandria, Virginia Chapter, Stafford, VA
Camp Friendship, Palmyra, VA
Evergreen Sportsman Club, Olympia, WA
Grand Columbia Council BSA, Yakima, WA
Camp Timberlane For Boys Inc, Woodruff, WI

Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

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



Novice Prone shooters received CMP participation ribbons after they finished shooting in the CMP March Monthly Match.



Mary Simonton was challenged on the final day of the JROTC National Air Rifle Championship when her precision rifle fell to pieces. Thankfully, she had a replacement ready and still fired a respectable score.



Megan Denenea and Seth Bearjar of Patuxent High School in Lusby, MD wore bunny ears and colorful socks as they fired during the Marine Corps & Navy JROTC Service Championship in Salt Lake City, UT.



The Junior Distinguished Badge is awarded to junior three-position air rifle shooters who earn at least 30 EIC credit points. Since 2001, 581 Badges have been awarded. Pictured above is Natalie Miller, of Annapolis, MD, who earned her Distinguished Badge during the CMP Regional Championship in Ohio.



The shooters took time to smile as they competed at the prestigious JROTC National Championship event.



Katlyn Belcher of Redmond High School in Redmond, OR added color to the firing line.

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