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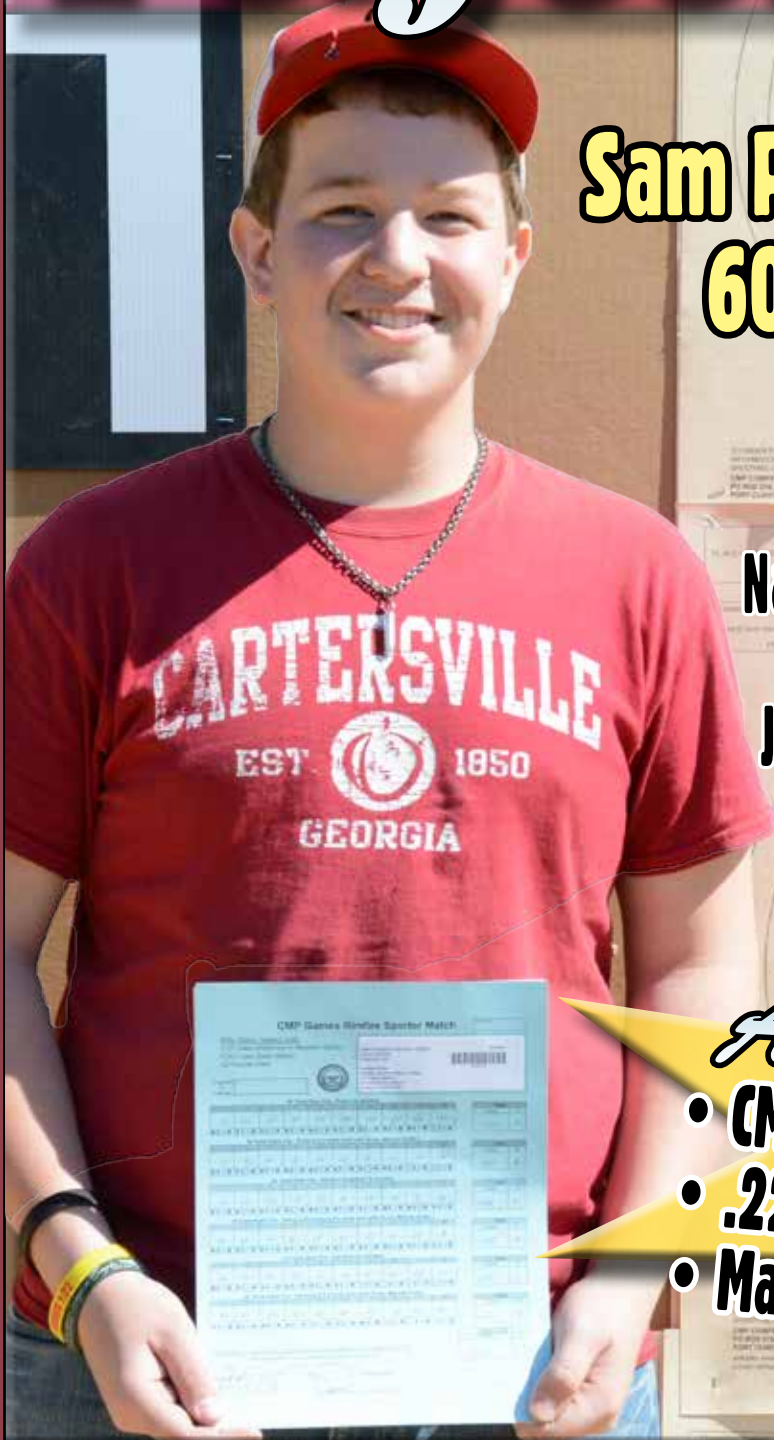
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- ◎ **National Match Air Gun Events.** The CMP Camp Perry Competition Center with its 80-firing point air gun range, fully equipped with electronic targets, will be open throughout the matches to host the National Matches Air Gun Events. National Matches competitors are encouraged to bring their air guns to Camp Perry and to plan to compete in the daily re-entry matches. Sporter Class loaner rifles are available for shooters who do not have their own air rifles. The CMP also will have Creedmoor-AiR-15 NMAR air rifles available for rent to competitors. For more info on the National Matches, visit <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/>.

- ◎ **2015 CMP "Aces" Postal Competition.** The CMP "Aces" Postal satellite match offers all junior and adult air rifle and air pistol shooters a program designed to encourage participation in the sport and test marksmanship skills nationally with their peers. The program consists of Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and Para-Air Rifle/Air Pistol events. For more information, please visit <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-aces-postal/>.

- ◎ **Open Public Shooting.** Shooters, including aspiring new shooters, adult and youth, who live in the Anniston, Alabama,

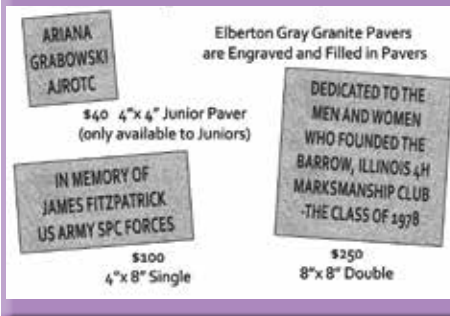
and Port Clinton, Ohio areas are invited to take advantage of the opportunity to do practice shooting at the CMP air gun ranges. Both 80-point, 10-meter air gun ranges are fully equipped with electronic targets that accommodate air rifle, air pistol or National Match Air Rifle shooting. Rental equipment is available for a small fee. Visit <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-marksmanship-centers/open-public-shooting/> for more info.

- ◎ **Minnesota CMP Games.** The CMP is excited to announce we'll be holding the Minnesota CMP Games in Harris, MN, August 19-23, 2015 at the Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club. Match details will be posted as soon as they are finalized. For more information on the CMP Travel Games, visit <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-travel-games/>.



- ◎ **CMP Paver Project.** Become a permanent part of the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park. Leave your legacy on one or more than three firing lines throughout the park with a personalized engraved granite paver.

Choose from one of three sizes OR purchase multiple pavers to be displayed throughout the park!



On the Cover: Sam Payne, 16, of Kingston, GA, was the first competitor to ever fire a perfect 600 score during the Rimfire Sporter Match at the Eastern CMP Games at Camp Butner, NC, in May.

Registration Now Open for 2015 National Trophy Pistol and Rifle Matches at Camp Perry



Register now on the CMP website for a spot to shoot at the 2015 National Trophy Pistol and Rifle Matches. These popular and historical matches will once again be fired at Camp Perry, Ohio, six miles west of Port Clinton, during the month of July.

The schedule of this year's Matches will be the same as the 2014 National Matches, featuring a variety of events such as the John C. Garand, President's Rifle, Hearst Doubles, Vintage Sniper, as well as a multitude of prestigious pistol events. Come take part in and witness the most anticipated time of the year at Camp Perry!

On top of competitive opportunities, a Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) will also be held for rifle and pistol enthusiasts, where participants will be instructed by some of the top military shooters in the country on firearm safety and competition technique. The SAFS courses have been a staple in the National Matches at Camp Perry since 1918.

Many other clinics and learning opportunities, taught by qualified professionals, will also be available throughout the National Matches.

Whether an experienced shooter or firing a shot for the first time, those wanting to enhance their rifle or pistol abilities can register for a number of clinics conducted during the Matches.

Events are open to the public, and spectators are welcome to observe firing on the Camp Perry ranges at any time. Guests are encouraged to participate in the many exciting activities and visual attractions offered during the Match season.

Don't forget that outside of the action on the firing line, Commercial Row offers a variety of items for both spectators and shooters – with a multitude of manufacturers selling used firearms, ammunition, competition gear, accessories, apparel and much more.

The CMP Store allows even more buying opportunities at the Matches with our collection of military surplus rifles.

For registration and more information on the National Trophy Pistol and Rifle Matches, including a new schedule of events, log on to <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/>.

We hope to see you there!



Junior Samuel Payne Fires First Perfect Score in Rimfire Match at Eastern Games

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Sam Payne was the first to fire a perfect 600 in the Rimfire Sporter match. His awards were handed to him by Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus, who was witness to the historical performance.

CAMP BUTNER, NC – Since its inception as a CMP Games event in 2002, many marksmen of all ages have strived to make history by being the first to earn a perfect 600 in the popular Rimfire Sporter Match, but none have been able to capture the title – that is, not until Samuel Payne stepped up to the firing line.

Sam, 16, of Kingston, GA, fired a perfect score of 600-50x during the Rimfire Sporter Match in the T-Class at the 2015 Eastern CMP Games in Camp Butner, NC. It was a feat that no other had been able to accomplish – and one few are likely to repeat.

“I was super duper nervous. But I just shot, and I did it,” he said, modestly.

His scores for each position were sensational:

Prone Slow: 100-9x

Prone Rapid: 100-8x

Sitting Rapid: 100-10x

Standing Slow Fire: 100-6x
Standing Rapid Fire: 100-7x

But although Sam is only a junior, he’s no novice when it comes to guns – he’s been around them most of his life. His competitive shooting career began with BB in the 4th grade before moving to the .22 rifle in the 9th grade with his Bartow County 4-H team, until finally starting air rifle last year.

And how many Rimfire Sporter matches has he shot in his lifetime?

“A lot,” he said with a laugh.

His dad, Doug, coaches Sam’s team and hosts a Rimfire Sporter match each month in Griffin, GA, at the Georgia Competitive Shooters Club. He also takes Sam to Tennessee and other small Rimfire matches to gain even more experience in the event.

After those many hours of worthwhile practice, Sam

has become comfortable and well accomplished in the match. He was named the High Junior and finished 11th overall at the 2013 National Rimfire Sporter Match at Camp Perry, firing an impressive score of 586-29x. The following year at the 2014 Eastern Games, he was the High Junior and Overall leader in the T-Class as well as at Western CMP Games in Arizona, with a score of 593-37x.

Because of his brilliant performances in the event at such a young age, Sam's appearance at the National Matches was chosen for the cover of the 10th Edition of the CMP Guide to Rimfire Sporter Shooting, released just this year.

Though he displayed precision excellence at his untouchable showing this year, Sam came extremely close to a flawless performance during last year's Eastern Games as well. There, he marked an outstanding score of 599-43x – falling just short of 600 in his final position. Slightly faltering in his final shots, Sam only managed to fire a score of 99-5x in the Standing Rapid Fire portion, crushing his dreams of being the first to reach perfection.

"I was really nervous (this year) because the closest I had ever gotten was last year, and I didn't want to mess it up. I didn't want to have a repeat – I wanted to actually

do it," he said.

As he approached his final shot of the 2015 match, his mind began to race to last year's outcome.

"I stopped a second, and I was like, this is what's going to either make me or break me – you'll either shoot a 600 or you'll mess all of this up," he explained.

With a calm demeanor, he regrouped and focused on the target downrange. He knew what he had to do to reach perfection – and that's exactly what he did.

"I pulled the trigger, and I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I just did it. I'm the first one,'" he said as he smiled.

He looked back behind the firing line at his cheering section – his family, team members and all of the spectators that soon became his new fans.

"Dad was freaking out. He was so happy. And my brother was ecstatic, and everyone was like, 'Wow, that's amazing,'" he said.

Firing a score of 600 is something many talented marksmen will never accomplish in their lives, but at just 16 years old, Samuel Payne already has that goal checked off his list. With such a bright and undoubtedly successful shooting career ahead of him, what could possibly be left to accomplish?

"Sixty X's – everything perfect," Sam said with confidence.



Sam's team members also had outstanding performances at Eastern Games – all receiving medals and/or plaques. Each member is an example of the junior talent that will lead the future of marksmanship.

Pistol Opportunities for Juniors

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By Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus



More competition opportunities are now becoming available to junior pistol competitors in the USA. Here, junior air pistol athletes are shooting a final in the January 2015 Camp Perry Open.

Junior pistol shooting is the most under-developed of the three junior shooting sports disciplines, rifle, pistol and shotgun. This ***On the Mark*** article is the first of a two-part series on junior pistol shooting. This article defines “classical bulls-eye pistol shooting,” examines its history and then describes appropriate courses of fire, junior pistol instructional programs and competition opportunities. The second article in the next ***On the Mark*** will cover specific pistol marksmanship skills young pistol shooters must master to take full advantage of these opportunities. The objective of this series is to encourage more local programs to promote junior pistol and more young athletes to try target pistol shooting.

Target pistol shooting offers many rewarding opportunities for youths who want to compete in the shooting sports. Progressive Position Pistol (PPP) Programs are now used in some 300 local programs. 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs offer target pistol instruction in many states. Four-fifths of the states conducted State Junior Olympic Pistol Championships this year. Pistol is a collegiate club sport with programs in 90 colleges and

universities. The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), National Rifle Association (NRA) and USA Shooting (USAS) all have Junior pistol events in their National Championships. Five of the 15 Olympic Shooting events are pistol events.

Junior target pistol shooting also faces daunting challenges. Developing high performance pistol skills requires more training time and hard work than it takes to reach a similar level in rifle or shotgun. Pistol shooters don't have performance aids to boost their scores like the supportive clothing rifle shooters have. There are legal constraints that prevent youth from shooting pistols in some states. Rifle is a popular school sport, but pistol shooting is not. Many shooting clubs sponsor junior rifle programs, but only a few support junior pistol. Today in the USA, there are too few junior pistol programs and far too few junior pistol shooters.

On the positive side, pistol shooting offers some appealing advantages. Equipment costs for a fully equipped pistol shooter are one-fourth or less of the costs for a fully equipped rifle or shotgun shooter.

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Pistol training is much easier to do than rifle or shotgun training because doing dry fire or air pistol practice at home is a simple matter of uncasing the pistol and starting to work. Coaches, juniors and their parents should also realize that one of the advantages of junior pistol is that with fewer participants the chances for a young athlete who wants to work really hard to make the National Team or Olympic Team are much greater.



Alex Chichkov, USA, won two Junior Men's World Championship titles during the 2014 World Shooting Championship.

Classical Bulls-eye Pistol and the Olympic Path

There are two fundamental types of target pistol shooting in the USA, classical bulls-eye pistol shooting and two-handed practical, defense, silhouette or speed shooting. An insightful analogy for comparing the two is to compare soccer with American football. American football is popular in the USA and Canada. Soccer is popular all over the world. Two-handed pistol events are usually shot on steel or hit-miss targets and have competition events in the USA and a few other countries. Classical bulls-eye pistol shooting is shot on ring targets with the more difficult standing one-handed stance and has competitions all over the world.

This article is about classical bulls-eye pistol shooting because this form of pistol shooting embraces the oldest, most challenging and most revered traditions of target pistol marksmanship and fully supports following the Olympic Path. The features that distinguish classical pistol shooting are:

- **SHOOTING WITH ONE HAND.** The classical concept of pistol design is of a gun to be held and shot with one hand.

- **SHOOTING STANDING.** Shooting is done in the standing position while holding the pistol with one extended arm.

- **PRECISION SHOOTING.** Shooting is done on graduated bulls-eye targets that award higher scores for greater precision.

- **SHOOTING WITH OPEN SIGHTS.** Accurate aiming with traditional open sights is an added challenge; optical aiming aids are not permitted.

- **SHOOTING AS A SPORT.** Classical pistol marksmanship skills are practiced strictly as a sport and not as military, police or personal defense skills.

A key distinction for bulls-eye pistol shooting is that it offers participants opportunities to follow the "Olympic Path," where they can pursue the supreme challenges in sports. Pistol is one of three Olympic shooting disciplines and is practiced in more than 150 countries. The Olympic Path is a succession of training and competition programs in the USA that can lead young shooters from their first instruction to progressively more challenging steps that can ultimately lead to winning a place on USA National Teams that compete in World Cups, World Championships and the Olympic Games. Junior pistol programs should give youths the possibility of following the Olympic Path.

Classical Pistol History

Flintlock target pistols with rear sights to facilitate aiming began to appear in the second half of the 18th century. 18th and 19th century target



2014 Junior Women's World Air Pistol Champion LIN Yuemei, China, displays the classical, one-handed pistol stance.

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KIM Jangmi, Korea (center) won the Women's 25m Pistol event in the 2012 Olympics when she was 19 years old. CHEN Ying, China (left) and Olena Kostevych, Ukraine (right) were the silver and bronze medal winners.

pistols were closely related to dueling pistols. Percussion dueling pistols and dueling practice on targets became forerunners to early forms of today's rapid-fire pistol events. Breech-loading single-shot pistols developed in the late 19th century with target features like adjustable sights, carved grips and finely adjustable triggers were used in 50 meter and 50 yard precision pistol contests.

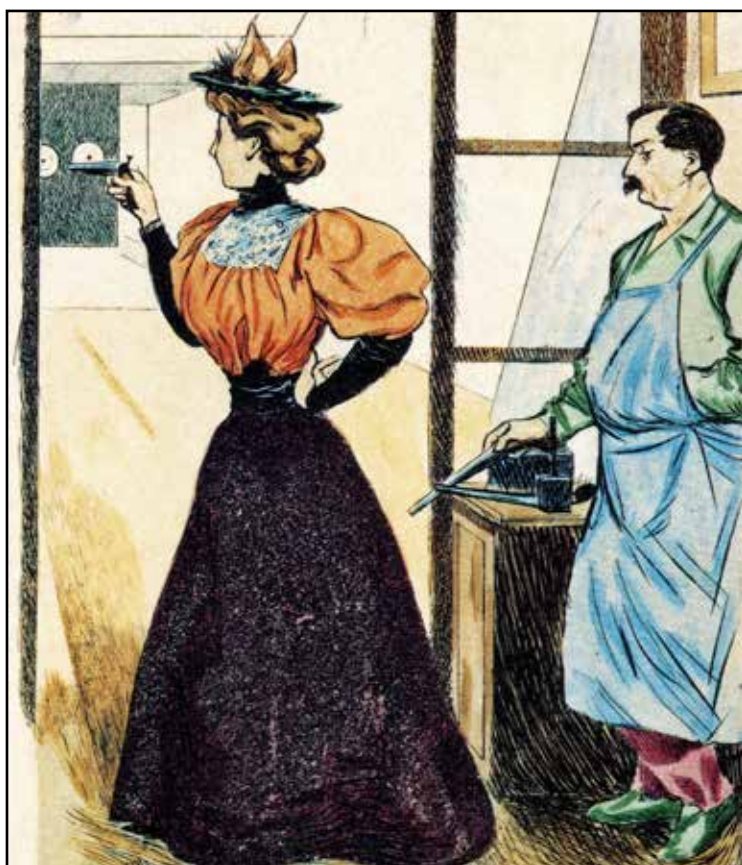
Pistol shooting in the United States attracted much early fame from exhibition shooting. In the 1880s, "Buffalo Bill" Cody and Annie Oakley brought attention to accurate pistol shooting through "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" exhibitions. Both Cody and Oakley accomplished their marksmanship feats while shooting pistols with one hand.

There is evidence that women enthusiastically participated in target pistol shooting as early as the mid-1800s, particularly in France and Germany. National shooting federations, however, did not actively encourage women's participation with women's pistol events until well after World War II. Change began in 1958 when the World Shooting Championship program first included a separate women's pistol event. The big change came in 1984 when separate women's pistol events were added to the Olympic program.

In the late 19th century, target pistol shooting was popular in many European countries including France. One famous early pistol shooter was French nobleman Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, who was a seven-time national pistol champion. When the first Modern Olympic Games began in 1896, de Coubertin supported the inclusion of two rifle and three pistol shooting events on the

program. The World Shooting Championships had been inaugurated in 1897 and a 50-meter "free" pistol event was added to that program in 1900. A 25m rapid-fire pistol event appeared in 1935. Center-fire pistol was added in 1947, the first women's pistol event came in 1958 and the first air pistol event in 1970. The Olympic program change that had the biggest impact was the introduction of 10m air pistol events for women and men in 1988.

The National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (predecessor to the CMP), the United States Revolver Association, the NRA and, most recently, USAS have governed and promoted USA national target pistol programs. The National Board awarded the first Distinguished Pistol Badges in 1903 and conducted the first National Trophy Pistol Matches in 1904. The Pistol National Match Course was standardized in the 1920s. The NRA inaugurated its National Pistol Championship in 1936. The United States Revolver Association, which was founded in 1900, was the USA's early promoter of international and Olympic pistol events. After World War II that responsibility transferred to the NRA and in 1994 to USAS.

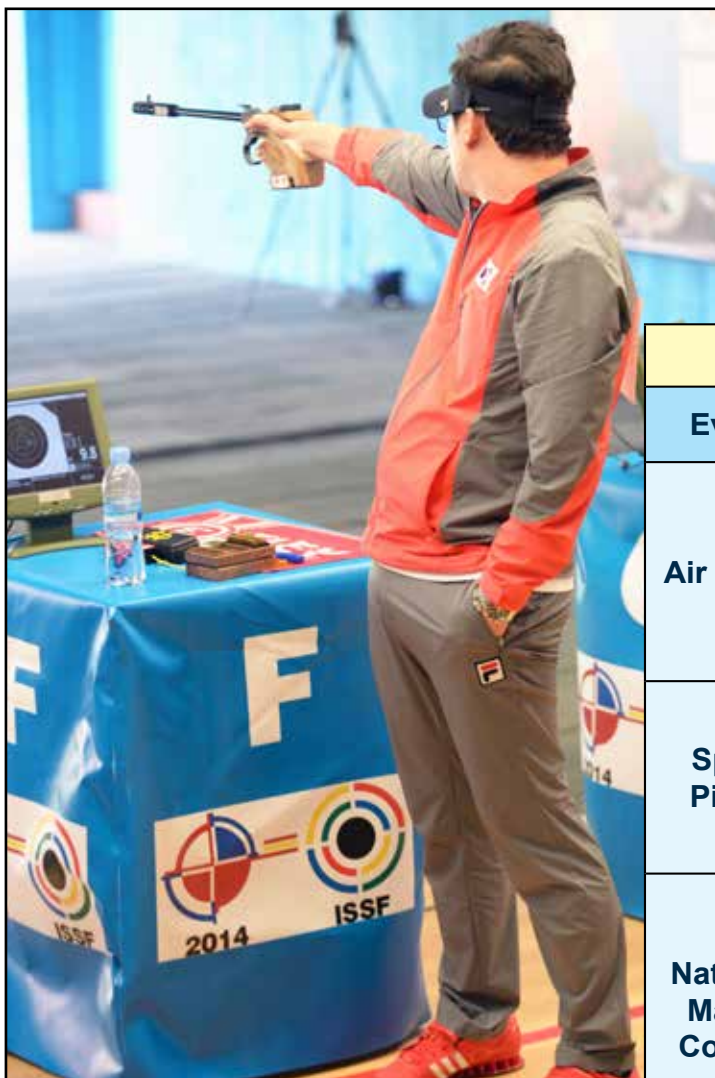


A woman shooting a percussion pistol with a bent-arm position in an 1850s French shooting gallery.

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These .44 cal. Gastinne-Rennet target dueling pistols were formerly owned and shot by Olympic Games founder Pierre de Coubertin. These pistols are now displayed in the German Shooting Museum in Coburg, Germany.



JIN Jongoh, Korea, winner of three Olympic gold medals and two World Championships, has been the greatest precision pistol shooter in the world during the last 10 years.

The greatest pistol shooters in modern Olympic and World Championship history were Ralf Schumann of Germany, who won three Olympic gold medals in rapid-fire pistol, and JIN Jongoh of Korea, who won three Olympic gold medals in 10m and 50m precision pistol events.

Pistol Events for Juniors

There are four bulls-eye pistol courses of fire that are most appropriate for junior pistol programs. These events include two types of shooting, precision or slow-fire, and rapid-fire.

Organizations that promote junior pistol need to decide which of these events to feature in their programs. Decisions should be based on these alternatives:

Air Pistol or Rimfire Pistol. If a shooting club has a 50-foot indoor range or a 25 and 50-yard outdoor range, they can shoot .22 cal. rimfire pistols. The best choice for most programs, however, is to start juniors with air pistols. 10-meter air pistol ranges can be set up in many locations, ammunition costs are about one-fifth of the cost of smallbore practice ammo and all-year training is possible.

PISTOL EVENTS FOR JUNIORS

Event	Distances	Pistol	Type of Fire	Course of Fire
Air Pistol	10 meters	4.5mm air pistol	Precision	Instructional matches: 20 or 30 shots Competition: 40 shots (W) and 60 shots (M)
Sport Pistol	25m or 50 ft.	.22 rimfire semi-auto	Precision and Rapid-Fire	30 shots precision plus 30 shots rapid-fire (low gun ready position with 3-sec. exposures)
National Match Course	50 & 25 yds. or 50 ft.	.22 rimfire semi-auto	Precision, Timed and Rapid-Fire	30 shots: 10 shots slow-fire 2x5 shots in 20 sec. 2x5 shots in 10 sec. (Low-gun ready position preferred)
Precision	50m, 50 ft.	.22 rimfire	Precision	40 or 60 shots

Pistol Opportunities for Juniors



In the low-gun ready position, the athlete's arm that holds the pistol must be lowered to a 45-degree angle before the targets turn or the time starts.

Mixed or Separate Male and Female Events.

Junior pistol competitions in most countries except the USA have separate junior male and female events. Separate junior female events could give more incentives for females to participate.

Ready Position for Timed and Rapid-Fire. When junior pistol shooters are ready to shoot Sport Pistol or National Match Course events, program leaders must decide whether to teach the low or high gun ready position for timed and rapid-fire. In the high gun ready position, which is used in NRA National Match Course events, competitors start with loaded pistols aimed at the target. In the low gun start, competitors begin each series with loaded pistols down at a 45-degree angle. They can raise their pistols up to the targets only after the targets turn or the firing time starts. The low gun start position is compatible with the Olympic Path; the high gun start position is not. The low gun start is used in all USAS and collegiate events. CMP Rimfire Pistol events for juniors switched to a low gun ready position in 2015.

Metallic or Optical Sights. Lots of adult pistol shooters shoot pistols with optical sights, but for juniors, this is not the way to start. Juniors should start with pistols that have traditional, open, metallic sights. Metallic sights provide a better platform for learning fundamental skills needed in classical bulls-eye pistol such as sight alignment, sight picture, trigger control and shooting a hold or area of movement.

Advanced Junior Events. As the best junior shooters advance, progressive junior programs should also introduce them to advanced events. These events include 25m Rapid-Fire Pistol where five-shot series are fired at five different targets in times of eight, six and four seconds. Juniors who demonstrate an aptitude for high precision shooting should be introduced to the 50m Pistol event that is normally shot with single shot pistols.

PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING PISTOL SHOOTING

Youth who want to learn target pistol shooting need a program that offers basic instruction and an introduction to competition shooting. Junior pistol instructional programs must take juniors who have never fired a pistol and teach them the skills that will allow them to complete basic courses of fire (see "Pistol Events for Juniors" above). Junior pistol programs that fulfill this objective and can start youth on the Olympic Path include:

PPP – Progressive Position Pistol. This is a grassroots air pistol program designed by USAS and the NRA "to introduce young pistol shooters to competitive pistol target shooting and give them a natural progression into the Junior Olympic competitions sponsored by USAS and the conventional pistol competitions sponsored by the NRA." Download the **Progressive Position Air Pistol Rules** at http://www.usashooting.org/library/Youth_Development/PPP_Rules_v_18_June_2014.pdf. Since very few young pistol shooters begin with sufficient arm and shoulder strength to hold a pistol steady enough with one hand to fire accurate shots, this program takes new shooters through a developmental sequence:

1. **Basic Supported.** Athletes hold pistols with two hands while sitting and supporting the butt of the pistol grip on a support placed on a table or bench. A counterbalanced "T-stand" may be used as an alternate support. The maximum age is 13.
2. **Standing Supported.** Athletes hold pistols with one hand while standing and supporting the pistol in a counterbalanced T-stand. The maximum age is 15.
3. **Sub-Junior International Standing.** Athletes hold pistols with one hand and no support while standing. The minimum age is 13 and the maximum age is 14.
4. **International Standing.** Athletes hold pistols with one hand and no support while standing. Athletes ages 15 to 20 are eligible.

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The PPP basic supported position allows very young shooters who do not yet have sufficient arm strength to hold a pistol with one free arm to experience the first challenges of target pistol shooting.

Junior Pistol Clubs. There are a small number of CMP, NRA and USAS shooting clubs that offer junior pistol programs. The fact that there are so few clubs with junior pistol programs is one of the great weaknesses in the USA pistol program. There are approximately 2,000 clubs with junior rifle programs that could be **junior shooting clubs** offering both rifle and pistol. There also are far too few adult bulls-eye pistol clubs that support junior pistol programs. If USA pistol fortunes are going to change, junior rifle clubs must consider becoming Junior shooting clubs and more senior pistol clubs must support junior pistol shooters.

4-H Shooting Sports Pistol Program. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Program has a long history of supporting youth pistol shooting at the grassroots level. 4-H wants its members to have a variety of shooting sports experiences; target pistol shooting is one of them. The 4-H program now primarily utilizes their version of the PPP progression and offers instructor training courses to certify shooting sports instructors to teach pistol marksmanship in local 4-H Shooting Sports clubs.

Individual Junior Pistol Shooters. There are youths all over the USA who want to become target pistol shooters. Their problem is they don't live in a community where there are PPP, 4-H or junior pistol clubs. Until this dearth of local opportunities changes drastically, the most promising source of young pistol shooters may be individual juniors and their parents who are willing to practice pistol shooting on their own. To do this, all they need are air pistols, places at home where 10m ranges can be set up and good basic instruction. It is possible to learn pistol skills while shooting and practicing alone.

Pistol Strength Training.

Advancing in pistol shooting requires young athletes not only to practice pistol skills, but also to engage in an exercise program to strengthen their arm and shoulder muscles. Pistol athletes must have sufficient strength to be able to lift and hold the pistol on the aiming point long enough to allow the firing of accurate shots. Pistol athletes as young as 12 should be taught to do arm lift repetitions with their pistols after they finish a practice session or on days when they are not shooting. In a simple holding exercise, lift the pistol to the target and hold the aligned sights on an aiming area

for 10 seconds or longer (adjust holding time according to the athlete's strength). Then lower the pistol for a 15-20 second rest and repeat. Gradually increase the number of lifts per training session. Cathy Arnot, USA Shooting Team exercise physiologist, has posted an excellent presentation and resource on "Physical Conditioning for Pistol Shooting Athletes" on the USAS website at <http://www.brainshark.com/usashooting/pistolexercisescond>.

JUNIOR PISTOL COMPETITIONS

Junior pistol shooters must have good competition opportunities to measure their real progress. The junior pistol competition situation in the USA is not great, but there are increasing numbers of local, regional and national pistol matches for juniors or that are suitable for juniors. Here are competitions that are most appropriate for junior pistol participants.



Lydia Patterson, Kansas City, Missouri, represented USA junior pistol athletes in the 2014 Suhl Junior Cup, the 2014 World Junior Championships and the 2015 Munich International Air Gun Championships, where she placed 4th and 10th in the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior events.

Pistol Opportunities for Juniors

Junior Pistol Virtual Matches and Postals. Virtual matches allow two or more teams to shoot at the same time on their home ranges while comparing scores via an Internet connection and a shared results system. The pioneer in developing virtual matches has been the Orion Results Center. Traditional postals still involve shooting targets on home ranges and mailing them to someone who scores the targets and produces a results bulletin. Virtual matches permit firing under shoulder-to-shoulder match conditions. Virtual matches or postals that can be fired on home ranges are a great way to get started in competitions or to find competitions when enough competitions are not available. Junior pistol programs should consider the following (see the chart for contact information):

- **Orion Monthly Virtual Air Pistol Match.** Clubs that use the Orion Scoring System can sign up to shoot in monthly 10m air pistol events for individuals and teams. The course of fire is 40 shots and there are international standing, standing supported and basic supported categories.

- **CMP Aces Postal.** This quarterly postal offers air pistol events. Competitors can fire on electronic targets and submit score documentation or order targets from the match sponsor that must be returned to the sponsor for scoring with the Orion Scoring System.

- **National PPP League.** The National PPP League is a collaborative effort between USA Shooting, Georgia Competitive Shooters and the Orion Scoring System that utilizes a new, exciting competition format. Two-person junior air pistol teams from anywhere in the country compete against each other in a series of virtual win-loss games. Each week there is a new set of games. Teams are squadded into divisions of relatively equal skill level and PPP category. Teams are ranked within their division according to their win-loss record. The Spring 2015 season runs through May. The Fall season will start in September 2015.

- **NRA Open Air Pistol Postal.** The NRA offers an annual postal with 60-shot junior men and 40-shot junior women 10m air pistol events.

State Junior Olympic Championships. USAS sanctions State Junior Olympic Pistol and 25m Sport Pistol, with separate junior men and junior women events. Approximately four-fifths of the states



Logos of national virtual matches and postals available for junior pistol shooters: Orion, CMP Aces and National PPP League.

offer junior pistol shooters in their states shoulder-to-shoulder championships that also serve as qualifiers for the National Junior Olympic Championship at Colorado Springs.

CMP 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches. The CMP is inaugurating a new 22 Rimfire Pistol Distinguished Badge in 2015 that offers 22 Rimfire Pistol Excellence-in-Competition events at ranges throughout the country. A 30-shot National Match Course is fired. This program is open to adults and juniors, but it is ideally suited for juniors because the ready position to start timed and rapid-fire series is with pistols lowered to a 45-degree angle. This makes these matches more relevant for junior shooters who also want to compete in USAS and collegiate shooting pistol matches.

PPP National Championship. USAS and the NRA sponsor an annual PPP National Championship with junior competition in the supported, mixed supported and international standing categories. In 2014, they took this concept one step further by offering a two-site Championship that is conducted simultaneously at Colorado Springs and Fort Benning. Scores fired at the two sites are uploaded into the Orion Results Center to produce overall live results.

WHERE TO FIND JUNIOR PISTOL COMPETITION INFORMATION:

- Orion Monthly Virtual Matches, <http://www.orionscoringsystem.com/orion/MonthlyVirtualMatches.aspx>
- CMP Aces Postal, <http://thecmp.org/air/cmp-aces-postal/>
- National PPP League, <http://www.usashooting.org/membership/youth-programs/youthpistol>
- NRA Postal Matches, <http://compete.nra.org/nra-postal-matches.aspx>
- USA Shooting State Junior Olympic Championships, <http://www.usashooting.org/membership/youth-programs/youthpistol>
- CMP 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches, <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-pistol-program/>
- PPP National Championship, <http://www.usashooting.org/membership/youth-programs/youthpistol/2015-ppp-national-championships-20150311100756>
- CMP National Trophy 22 Rimfire Pistol Matches, <http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-national-matches/national-pistol-matches/>
- NRA National Pistol Championship Junior Matches, <http://nationalmatches.nra.org/>
- NRA National Indoor Air Pistol Championship, <http://www.orionscoringsystem.com/team/MatchPage.aspx?MatchID=1.1003.565339562.1>
- National Junior Olympic Pistol Championship, <http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/njos>
- USA Shooting National Championship Junior Events, <http://www.usashooting.org/7-events/match-information>

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CMP National Trophy Junior Events. The CMP National Trophy Pistol Matches conducted during the National Matches at Camp Perry offer three events for juniors only. All are fired with .22 caliber smallbore pistols and, starting in 2015, will require a low gun ready position (arm down at 45-degree angle) to start timed and rapid fire series. The Junior President's Pistol Match features a 40-shot course while the Junior National Trophy Pistol course is 30 shots. The third event is a two-person team match where both team members fire the 30-shot National Match Course.

NRA Indoor National Air Gun Championship. The NRA National Air Gun Championship includes both air rifle and air pistol events for juniors and adults. The 2015 air pistol phase of this Championship involved seven different match sites, all using Orion Scoring Systems and the Orion Results Center to produce a unified, live results display.

NRA National Championships. The NRA National Pistol Championship that takes place during the National Matches at Camp Perry offers unique opportunities for juniors who have been introduced to 3-gun bulls-eye pistol shooting. The NRA 2700 3-gun aggregate for .22 rimfire, center-fire and .45 cal. pistol events offers junior awards. The NRA also offers a 2700 aggregate for shooters who fire 22 Rimfire pistols only.

NATIONAL JUNIOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior pistol shooters who qualify for higher level championships or who are placing high in local and regional competitions will want to focus their training on preparing for major national competitions that are normally restricted to athletes who qualify or who are performing at the highest levels among junior pistol shooters.

National Junior Olympic Championship. Young athletes must qualify to advance to this Championship through State Junior Olympic Championships. Junior Olympic pistol events include air pistol and 25m sport pistol events for men and women juniors. State qualifying takes place early in the year with the National Junior Olympic Championship taking place at the U. S. Olympic Shooting Center in Colorado Springs in the spring, usually in April.

USAS National Championships and Team Trials. And for the very best junior pistol athletes, there are the USAS National Championships and National Team Trials. These competitions select



The 2014 World Championship award ceremony for the Junior Men 50m Pistol event where China, Russia and Korea won the team medals. Chinese junior pistol shooters won three of the five junior team gold medals in the Olympic pistol events.

the juniors who will become members of the National Junior Team as well as the junior pistol athletes who will represent the USA in ISSF Junior Cups and the ISSF Junior World Championships.

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.



Making Dry Firing Targets

By Matt Egloff, CMP Director, Montana

Dry firing was a valuable training method before ammunition prices became ridiculous. Now, dry firing has the economic benefit of not consuming expensive ammunition and barrel life and can be done at home.

For safety, always be absolutely sure that there is no ammunition present, and train safely. Have a hard backstop capable of stopping a shot in any case, and keep the downrange area clear of anything that can be injured or damaged. Basements may be preferable to upstairs.

One challenge in dry fire training is how to make a properly scaled target. NRA high power targets typically have about a "six-minute bull." NRA smallbore targets typically have an "eight-minute bull." The 50-yd pistol target has a "16-minute bull" and the 25-yd. pistol target has a "22-minute bull." NRA high power targets typically have a 4ftWx6ftT area for the SR target, and a 6ftWx6ftT area for the MR and LR targets. Smallbore targets are 14inWx24inT for the A23 at 50 yds. and 14inWx42inT for the A25 at 100 yds. Pistol targets are 21inWx24inT at

both 25 yds. and 50 yds.

If you are not training at these standard distances, or at a standard reduced distance where printed targets are commercially available, you will have to scale the targets to get realistic dry fire training. If you train in smallbore for high power or vice versa, and on the official targets, the six-minute vs. eight-minute bull issue will affect sight aperture sizing and aiming.

Olympian Erich Buljong recommended using pictures of the range you are planning to compete at in order to better "visualize" this in your training. If you have a picture of the targets from Camp Perry as seen from the firing line, copy it into a computer program like Microsoft Word. Then crop and resize the picture so that the target frame areas appear to be the appropriately scaled size for the distance that you will be training at.

For more on this article, including correct scaling formulas, read the entire story at <http://thecmp.org/making-dry-firing-targets/>.

Rimfire Sporter Posters Now Available

A series of four 11" x 17" Rimfire Sporter marksmanship instructional posters are now available to individuals, instructors and coaches who are teaching Rimfire Sporter to youth or may be learning about the growing event themselves!

The poster series highlights the most important teaching points for getting shooters started in three-position marksmanship, including: 1) Scoring, 2) Prone Position, 3) Sitting Position and 4) Standing Position.

The full-color posters are designed so that they can be used in presenting instruction or they can be posted on the range. Poster sets are \$5 each and are sold at the CMP North and South Stores as well as online through the E-store. Loyal readers of *On The Mark* will receive complimentary posters placed within the Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall 2015 issues.

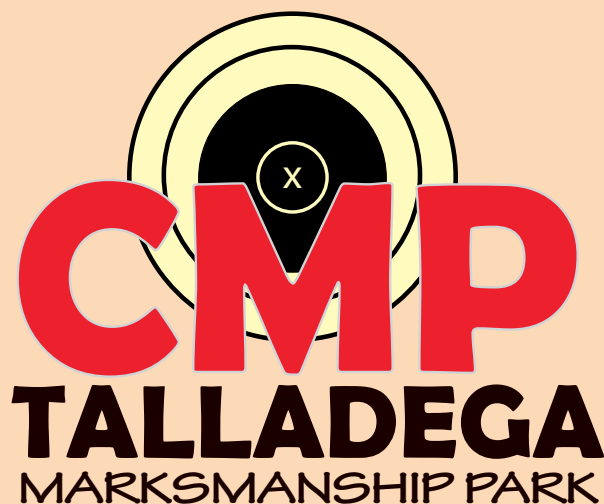
The CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle Matches offers shooters a recreation-oriented competition where they use .22 caliber sporter rifles. This is a unique match where all you need is a rifle and ammo. Rifles may be manually operated or semi-automatic.

There are three classes of competition - the standard "O Class" for open-sighted rifles, "T-Class" for telescope sighted and rear aperture sighted rifles and "Tactical Rimfire" class, which is a .22 caliber A4 or AR15 style rifle. Firing for all classes is done at 50 and 25 yards.

Get your CMP Rimfire Sporter Posters and learn more about competition shooting today!



Talladega Marksmanship Park Open For Daily Public Use



The new CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park is now open to the public and offers sport shooters opportunities to practice and participate in competitive events. Over 500 acres of the finest public facilities in the nation will offer competition and practice on state-of-the-art electronic targets. Groups and scoring will be viewed via electronic monitors by participants and spectators both on and off the firing line.

The new CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park is one of the most advanced outdoor facilities in the world – unlike any other. Boasting the latest technological advances in the realm of marksmanship, it is a must-see destination for firearm enthusiasts across the country. The park will be open to the public, year round, offering many opportunities to marksmen of all ages. The exceptional layout and well-kept grounds give a country-club-like quality in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Plans were approved in March 2012 by the CMP Board of Directors for the 500-acre facility – located two miles from the world-famous Talladega Superspeedway – and features a 600-yard rifle range with targets at 200, 300 and 600 yards, a 100-yard multi-purpose range and a 50-yard pistol range. It also includes 15 action pistol bays and a trap field, 5-stand field and a 15-station

sporting clays field, all with automated trap machines.

The impressive 13,000 square foot CMP Park Club House also features pristine glass windows and a spacious patio area that overlooks the 600-yard range and the beautiful Alabama mountain views. Inside, the building contains classrooms, lounge areas and a well-stocked pro shop, operated by Creedmoor Armory, to handle its guests' firearms supplies, memorabilia and equipment needs.

In addition to range use, visitors can enroll in classes, purchase firearms accessories or just relax in a safe, comfortable environment at our range clubhouse and observe range activities via the closed circuit monitors.

The primary purpose of developing the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park is to provide marksmen with a state-of-the-art facility where they can participate in the complete CMP experience, including firearm safety courses, clinics, and a lineup of CMP Games and Match events.

Pricing for park activities is listed below.

Hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://thecmp.org/competitions/talladega-marksmanship-park/>.

Rifle and Pistol Ranges		Half Day	All Day
Range 1	200, 300 & 600 Yd Electronic Targets	\$20	\$35
Range 2	100 Yd Electronic Targets	\$15	\$25
Range 3	25 & 50 Yd Electronic Targets (Pistol)	\$15	\$25
Ranges 4-5	Multi-Purpose (50 Ft & Action Pistol)	\$10	\$20
10 Day Pass - 10 visits All or Half Day		\$200	
(Half Day - up to 4 hours, All Day - up to 8 hours)			
Youth Pricing (Ages 10-17) Half Regular Price			
Shotgun Fields			
	1 Round	2 Rounds	3+ Rounds
Trap & 5 Stand	\$8	\$14	\$6 per rd
Sporting Clays	100 Clays	\$35	
10 Day Pass	1000 Clays	\$350	
(Pass covers 10 visits OR 1000 clays, golf cart included)			
Golf Cart Rental	\$7		
(Sporting Clays only)			

National Junior Olympic, CMP National Air Rifle Championships Firing in June

NATIONAL 3P AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2015 National Junior Olympic Championship and the CMP National 3P Air Rifle Championship will take place June 21-26, 2015, at the South Competition Center in Anniston, AL. Top junior sporter and precision marksmen will take the firing line at the hopes of finally completing the long road to being named the best in the country.

The National Three Position Air Rifle Championship is a three day, 3x20 event for sporter and precision air rifle shooting. Teams and individuals qualified for the event by firing exceptional scores at the State and Regional events around the country.

The first competition is the National 3PAR Junior Olympic Championships, followed by the CMP National

3PAR Championship. All shooters are welcome to fire in both competitions, regardless of how the team or individual qualified.

The National 3PAR Junior Olympic Championships were originally conducted by USA Shooting and held at the Tom Lowe Shooting Center in Atlanta, GA, site of the 1996 Olympics Games. The matches moved to Bowling Green, KY, and were held back-to-back with the Daisy Air Championships.

The CMP became more involved in 2008, when it first hosted a Junior Olympic match. CMP now conducts these matches in partnership with USA Shooting. These matches are held at either the CMP Marksmanship Center in Anniston, AL, or the Gary Anderson CMP Marksmanship Center, located in Camp Perry, OH. In 2012, the CMP combined the National 3PAR Junior Olympic Championship with the CMP 3PAR National.

The CMP 3P Air Rifle Competition is a nation-wide, three position air rifle competition for all junior programs, including all JROTC, 4H, Boy Scouts and junior clubs. The competition begins with a Postal competition, with top marksmen moving on to the Regional Championships.

For a list of qualified teams for the National event, visit <http://thecmp.org/air/national-three-position-air-rifle-championships/>.

Good luck to all qualifying individuals!



Through the Eyes of a CMP Employee

By Melissa Hille, CMP Staff

As employees of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), we are fortunate to be able to travel the countryside and meet an array of extraordinary people at our many events – some that we are thrilled to see over and over again.



Melissa Hille

We recognize the unique opportunity we are handed, but we don't often get the chance to express just how grateful we are to be a part of the CMP and your lives.

The following was written by CMP employee Melissa Hille. Melissa can be seen at many CMP events, taking photos behind the firing line as well as helping customers within the sales trailer. Having just returned from the Oklahoma CMP Games, she had the privilege of getting to know a variety of interesting competitors and spectators – as can be guaranteed at any CMP event. It was an experience that nearly brought her to tears – and one she isn't soon to forget. Here's her story.

"I recently had the opportunity to travel with the CMP to Edmond, Okla., to help with running the CMP Travel Games. I was excited to see a place I had never been to before and to finally break free of the dreaded Ohio winter to enjoy some fresh air for a week. Little did I know I was actually going to walk away with from the trip with so much more . . .

I really didn't know what to expect when I arrived on the range, and it was nothing like I pictured. It was so green, and it went on for miles. I have to be honest – I was pretty excited when I saw indoor restrooms, or "flushers" as they called them. The Oklahoma City Gun Club has been hosting the CMP Games for four years now, and I can see why we continue to go back year after year.

The men and women of the OK City Gun Club are some of the nicest, most generous people I have met in a very long time. They really took care of us as if we were close family coming from out of town for a visit. I watched as everyone shared stories of family vacations and photos of how much their kids have grown. The club even cooked us a fantastic steak dinner one night

so we could all eat together at the clubhouse.

The matches continued all week through rain, wind and sunshine – and you did not hear one complaint from staff or competitors. We had quite a few new employees sprinkled throughout the range – from sitting in the pits, to calling the match, to being a range safety officer. The competitors seemed so grateful for us coming to them to conduct the matches that I had to sneak around in order to be able to carry boxes to the trailer and take the trash out myself, without someone there to intercept them from me.

As we wrapped up the final day, and I was snapping photos all around me, I became more and more emotional from all of the hugs, handshakes and "thank yous." I heard several times how much it is appreciated that we leave our families for entire week – words sometimes coming from military people who leave their families for months at a time. That's when it hit me – this is what makes it all worth it.

I met so many interesting people on this trip: veterans, Wounded Warriors, and even a gentleman that dressed in 1930s-era attire. I easily could have put together a story about any one of them – okay, maybe not that easily, since I am not a writer (period). I really just wanted to take this opportunity to show how much the competitors mean to the CMP staff. I walked away from the event with such a great feeling of gratitude toward the CMP, competitors, customers and my fellow staff. I am sure I am speaking for the entire CMP staff when I say we cannot wait to return in 2016 for the 5th annual CMP Oklahoma Games.



CMP Programs Chief Christie Sewell with Oklahoma Gun Club Member Chuck Abston

Marine Corps Teams Draw Wins at 2015 JROTC National Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



East Coweta HS MCJROTC from Sharpsburg, GA, is the 2015 JROTC Precision Team Champions with a score of 4662-286. Team members are Glen Lauzon, Alexandria Wright, Charles Mathews and Jonathan Satterfield and Coach Major Peter Merrill.

CAMP PERRY, OH – The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) was proud to play host to a group of 213 junior marksmen in Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps JROTC Programs during the 2015 JROTC National Championship – held at the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, OH, March 19-21, 2015.

The Championship is a two-day competition, where competitors fire in three positions each day – prone, standing and kneeling – to determine who truly are the best Junior ROTC marksmen in the country.

The road to the JROTC National Championship began with the JROTC Postal Competition in October, with winners moving on to the Regional Service Championships in February at Camp Perry, OH; Anniston, AL; and Phoenix, AZ.

Like last year, Larry and Brenda Potterfield provided generous MidwayUSA Foundation endowments totaling nearly \$330,000 to winning teams during the JROTC Competitions. The MidwayUSA Foundation is a public charity that helps communities and organizations raise funds into their MidwayUSA Foundation account to support youth shooting teams and activities.

The overall winners of the JROTC National Championship are those who fired the highest scores

throughout all four military branches, instead of solely being compared within their own branches.

Aggregate calculations from Day 1 and Day 2 overall 3x10 scores, including averaged finals scores, are used to determine the high marksmen – as done during the Postal and Regional matches.

Representing the Marine Corps, R-S Central High School, NC, was the overall sporter team, with a score of 4369-139x. Team members are Baylee Boone, Spencer White, Jesse Bradley and Taylor Wease.

“I’m kind of stunned actually. A Marine Corps team has not been on top for eight or nine years . . . we’re thrilled,” said R-S Central coach Maj Russell Armentrout. “We have great team depth, but we’ve been peaking at the right time . . . They really have risen to the occasion.”

R-S Central alternate, Sarah Huffman, supported her team and forever etched their JROTC National Championship experience with lead and paper as she created an artistic sketch of her teammates from the stands.

“I was just doodling something, and Major said, ‘Hey! You should draw a picture of the team!’ And I said, ‘That’s a great idea!’” she explained.

She completed her work in nearly the amount of time it took her team to complete their prone stage – only 20

minutes. She also had to mentally draw in one of her teammates who had already gotten up out of position before she could finish sketching her. She plans on copying and framing the piece as a gift to her coach and teammates. The original will be framed and placed at their home range.

Besides drawing behind the firing line, Huffman also has crafted together public artwork, created murals at schools and has even designed t-shirts and posters for her team. She plans on taking graphic arts when she begins college.

For their win, R-S Central received a brand new Crosman Challenger Air Rifle, donated by Crosman. With a giant grin and a quick throw of her hand in the air, teammate Baylee Boone already called "dibs" on the slick new red rifle for next year's season.

Winning first place teams (both sporter and precision) also received \$2,000 from the CMP and \$5,000 towards their MidwayUSA endowment fund.

Fellow Marines from Gulfport High School, MS, claimed the second place spot, trailing by only two points with a score of 4367-137x. Second place teams received \$1,500 from the CMP and \$3,500 towards their endowment.

Navy team Zion Benton High School, IL, rounded out the Top 3, with a score of 4367-137x. The third place teams received a check for \$1,000 from the CMP and \$3,000 towards their endowment fund.

East Coweta High School, GA, representing the Marine Corps, was the overall precision leader in the competition. Team members Glen Lauzon, Alexandria Wright, Charles Mathews and Jonathan Satterfield fired a score of 4662-286x for the first place finish. Maj Peter Merrill coached the team.

Army team Walla Walla High School, WA, trailed with a score of 4638-272x for second, while fellow Army members Del Valle High School, TX, fired a score of 4624-252x for third.

A 10-shot final is also conducted on Day 1 and Day 2 of the competition, with the Top 8 overall sporter and precision shooters. Winners of each day's final received medals on the firing line to commemorate their success.

Hayden Briggs, 17, of Nation Ford High School, SC, began the Day 1 sporter final in sixth place out of eight, but stayed confident and focused to give an excellent performance with a finals score of 97.0 – giving him an overall score of 654. Finishing strong with a 10.8 on his final shot,

Briggs felt like he really earned the score that brought him back up the line for a first place finish.

"Basically I was just trying to stay calm. I've been training for this my entire life. Coming into it, I was thinking, 'Heck, I've done this before. Be comfortable.' So that's what I did," he said. "That last shot, I felt great about. It all came into place."

Ashley Stacy, 14, of Monroe Area High School, GA, began and ended in second place, with a score of 651.1.

Brian Hampton, 17, of Fort Mill High School, SC, was the overall leader of the sporter field going into the finals and even held a commanding seven-point lead above his competitors, until a shot that changed it all.

On his ninth shot out of 10, Hampton uncharacteristically fired a score of 3.4 – leading into the final shot by only one-tenth of a point. Briggs took advantage of Hampton's misfortune by grabbing the win instead.

"[After that shot] I was just kind of like, 'Whoop, there it went.' But, you've just got to keep going," said Hampton with a grin.



Alternate Sarah Huffman of R-S Central HS MCJROTC hand drew the image to the right while her teammates competed in the prone stage.

Knowing each other well, Briggs and Hampton laughed together as they discussed the definitive shot.

"I heard the crowd. I saw their reactions, and I saw them look over at Hampton. And I thought it was either a good shot or a terrible shot. And it ended up being a pretty bad shot," said Briggs, smiling.

Taylor Gibson, 14, of North Salem High School, OR, was the overall Day 1 precision competitor, with her score of 693.4. Sierra Czap, 17, of Franklin County High School, VA, fired a 690.3 for second, while Daniel Enger, 16, of Walla Walla High School, WA, followed closely behind for the bronze with his score of 689.7.

Hampton faired better on Day 2 of the finals, holding on to his lead and earning the gold for the sporter class. Giovanni Gutierrez, 18, of East Aurora High School, IL, gave an impressive showing during the finals, but still fell just short of Hampton to earn the silver. Gabriel Palermo, 18, of Freeport High School, IL, followed in third for the bronze.

In precision, Enger bested Gibson to receive the gold medal, while Gibson fell to silver. Mary Pratt, 16, of Monroe Area High School, GA, carefully kept her mind on her shots as she earned the bronze.

After two days of competition, Hampton's impressive

performance led him to the gold in the overall sporter competition with his aggregate score of 1221.35. Despite his Day 1 Final mishap, he still managed to have an outstanding showing throughout the competition – breaking three Marine Corps JROTC Records, including 20 Shot Standing (188-6x), overall 3x20 (570-28x) and 3x20 plus final (657.7).

Hampton also received a new Crosman Challenger Air Rifle, donated by Crosman, along with \$500 from the CMP.

Briggs (Marine Corps) followed in second, with a score of 1209, as Palermo (Navy) stayed close to Briggs but fell just short, with a score of 1208.15 for third. Second place received \$400 from the CMP, and third received \$300.

In precision, Enger narrowly beat Gibson overall with a score of 1283.2 to earn the gold, as Gibson stayed extremely close but took home the silver with her score of 1283.05. Both represented the Army branch. Gibson also fired a new Army JROTC 20 Shot Kneeling record, with her exceptional score of 200-18x.

Also firing for the Army was Maggie Ehmann, 18, of Patch High School in Germany, who fired a score of 1277.05 for the bronze.



Daniel Enger, 16, of Walla Walla High School, WA, concentrates during the Final. Enger earned a bronze medal on Day 1 and earned the gold medal on Day 2. His individual score of 1283.2 was enough to be named the 2015 JROTC Precision Individual Champion.

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.

2015

July

5 July

**CMP USAMU SAFS
Registration**
Camp Perry, OH

6 July

**CMP USAMU SAFS
CMP M9/EIC Match
1st Shot Ceremony**
Camp Perry, OH

6-10 July

**CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer
Camp**
Anniston, AL

6-10 July

**CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer
Camp**
Riverside, CA

7 July

**CMP EIC Pistol Match
CMP .22 Rimfire Pistol**
Camp Perry, OH

7-10 July

NRA Smallbore Camp
Camp Perry, OH

12 July

**CMP Presidents 100
CMP NTI
CMP NTT
CMP Shooter Reception
CMP Awards Ceremony**
Camp Perry, OH

13-17 July

**CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer
Camp**
Anniston, AL

13-17 July

**CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer
Camp**
Kerrville, TX

14 July

**CMP-USAMU SAFS Rifle
Registration
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Registration
and Clinic
CMP/Remington Advanced HP
Clinic**
Camp Perry, OH

15 July

**CMP/USAMU SAFS Rifle
CMP/USMC Jr. HP Rifle Clinic
CMP/Remington Advanced HP Clinic**
Camp Perry, OH

16 July

**CMP-USMC Jr. HP Clinic
Cmp/Remington Advanced HP Clinic
CMP-USAMU Rifle SAFS
M-16 EIC Match
Squadded Practice**
Camp Perry, OH

17 July

**CMP Jr. Team Match
CMP Hearst Doubles
CMP Vintage Sniper Match**
Camp Perry, OH

18 July

**CMP Garand Match
CMP Springfield/Military Bolt Rifle
Match**
Camp Perry, OH

19 July

**CMP National Trophy Infantry Team
Match
CMP Springfield/ Military Bolt Rifle
Match
CMP Games Awards Ceremony**
Camp Perry, OH

20 July

**CMP National Trophy Team Match
CMP M1 Carbine Match**
Camp Perry, OH

20-24 July

CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer Camp
Anniston, AL

20-24 July

**CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer
Camp**
Fountain, CO

**CMP 3P Air Rifle Summer
Camp**
Albuquerque, NM

21 July

CMP President's 100
Camp Perry, OH

22 July

**CMP National Trophy Individual
Match
CMP Awards Ceremony**
Camp Perry, OH

27-29 July

**CMP Advanced Standing Air
Rifle Camp**
Colorado Springs, CO



Sutton, Hampton Top Performers at CMP 3PAR Regional Championship

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer



Sarah Sutton of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle bested the precision field to earn the first place spot at the top of the podium.

Sarah Sutton, 17, of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle, OH, remained the leader of the precision class during the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) Three-Position Air Rifle Regional Championship after all competitors finished firing at the three designated locations – Camp Perry, OH; Anniston, AL; and Sandy, UT.

Sutton set the bar at the Camp Perry location in March with her score of 1285 – a performance that no other precision competitor could match.

At last year's Regionals, Sutton made her mark as a powerful contender – finishing in second overall. She also managed to snag the gold along with the rest of her Black Swamp crew at the 2014 Regional Championship, as they were named the overall precision team leaders.

The Camp Perry location at this year's Regionals seemed to house some of the most successful athletes as Caleb Lloyd, 17, of Seitzland Junior Rifle Team, PA,

held his second place position behind Sutton with a score of 1283.9, while Justin Kleinhans, 15, of Black Swamp Jr. Rifle, maintained third with a score of 1282.8.

Brian Hampton, 18, of the Charlotte Rifle and Pistol Club, NC, outshot the rest of the sporter class individuals with his score of 1220.5.

Last year, Hampton set two National Records at the National Junior Olympic competition (ran the same week as the CMP Nationals): 96.6 finals score and an overall score of 653.6x. With his outstanding performance in that match, he finished in first place. Hampton also displayed remarkable talent at last year's CMP Nationals, with an exceptional finals showing and a third-place finish.

Behind Hampton at the 2015 Regional event was Gabriel Palermo, 18, of Freeport High School, IL, who finished with a score of 1215.9. Adam McClintock, 18, of Flowing Wells JROTC, AZ, rounded out the Top 3 with his score of 1204.9 for third.

Last year, McClintock finished in first place during the Regional event, but failed to place at Nationals after failing to bring his equipment to the venue – a mistake that his coach CW3 (ret) Ronald James says will be different at this year's National Championship.

"He has a lot of people to remind him this year," said James, with a laugh. "He won't be forgetting."

The CMP 3PAR Championship is a 3x20 air rifle event where competitors fire 20 record shots from three positions: prone, standing and kneeling. School-aged marksmen involved in 4-H, Scouts, American Legion, club or JROTC air rifle programs all meet on the firing line to compete against one another to be named the best junior in the nation.

Top Overall Regional Teams:

Sporter:

1. Gulfport High School 1, MS – 4359-135x
2. Freeport High School 1, IL – 4349-149x
3. Lebanon High School JROTC 1, OR – 4326-153x

Precision:

1. Black Swamp Jr. Rifle, OH – 4699-319x
2. Hardcore 4, GA – 4677-302x
3. Ashland Eagles, OH – 4667-298x



Lebanon High School finished in third place overall – nabbing the gold in Utah. Team members are Jasmine Wiles, Cody Bates, Alexander Eikelenboom and Michael Langdon. The team is coached by LTC Mark Smith (U.S. Army Ret.).

To reward the hard work of dedicated junior athletes and coaches, the CMP administers \$21,000 towards teams who qualify for the Regional events, with an additional \$21,300 for teams and individuals reaching the CMP National Championship.

Larry and Brenda Potterfield have again provided incredible donations to the Three-Position Air Rifle Championships. This year, Mr. and Mrs. Potterfield donated nearly \$275,000 through generous MidwayUSA Foundation endowments to winning teams throughout the competition. The MidwayUSA Foundation is a public charity that helps communities and organizations raise funds in their MidwayUSA Foundation account to support their youth shooting teams and activities.

Overall teams and individuals from all three Regional locations will be invited to the 2015 CMP National Three-Position Air Rifle Championship in Anniston, AL, June 21-26.

Right: Brian Hampton of Charlotte Rifle and Pistol Club led the sporter competition to finish in first place. Last year, Hampton set two new National Records during the National Junior Olympic match, which participants of the CMP National Championship are invited to participate in during the week of competition.



Instructions Given for CMP .22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches

For Match Sponsors, Range Officers and Competitors

The CMP is introducing a new 22 Rimfire Pistol Distinguished Badge and EIC match program in 2015. These instructions provide information about the pistols that can be used, the course of fire and how the 22 Rimfire Pistol matches are to be conducted.

Correct Rulebook. The 22 Rimfire Pistol Match is an EIC match and is governed by the 19th Edition 2015 CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Pistol. Be sure you have the 2015 rulebook with the orange cover, not a previous year's rulebook, or the 2015 rulebook with the green cover that is for CMP Games Matches. If you don't have a rulebook, you should download a copy from the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf>.

CMP Program Objective. The CMP wants to encourage more shooters who own .22 caliber rimfire target pistols to participate in its prestigious Distinguished Badge program. The new EIC program is designed to challenge competitors who already have the Distinguished Service Pistol Badge, traditional bulls-eye pistol shooters, shooters who



Correct ready position for starting timed and rapid-fire series

own rimfire pistols who have not yet tried target pistol shooting as well as women and juniors who were not previously active in Service Pistol competitions.

Course of Fire. The course of fire for the 22 Rimfire Pistol Match is the standard National Match Course, with one major exception. The course includes one 10-shot slow-fire stage fired at 50 yards, one 10-shot timed fire stage fired at 25 yards and one 10-shot rapid-fire stage fired at 25 yards. The difference is that competitors must start all timed and rapid-fire series with a low-gun ready position (Rule 7.1.2). After the LOAD command, competitors must have their pistols down at a 45-degree angle. If the bench or a competitor's height prevents lowering the arm to a full 45-degree angle, the pistol must be held as low as possible without touching the bench. After the LOAD command, the pistol may be raised to the target to check position alignment, but it must be lowered so that it is down in the 45-degree ready position when the READY ON THE FIRING LINE command is given. The pistol cannot be lifted up until the targets begin to turn.

Ready Position Rehearsal. For 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches conducted in 2015, the CMP recommends that Range Officers have competitors go through a ready position rehearsal before conducting the first timed-fire series. To do the rehearsal, the Range Officer should go through the command sequence for a timed-fire series and ask all competitors to use a closed fist to simulate holding the pistol in the ready position and lifting it up to the target. Block Officers should check the ready positions to be sure arms are down at 45-degree angles and that they are not lifted (start to move up) until targets turn.

Ready Position Violations. Range/Block Officers are responsible for checking competitors for three possible violations that can give competitors an unfair advantage:

1. Ready position is too high. In this case, the loaded pistol is held higher than 45 degrees or with a high bench, well above the bench.
2. Pistol rests on bench. In this violation, the pistol is down, but the muzzle is rested on the bench when the **READY ON THE FIRING LINE** command is given.
3. Upward movement before targets turn. Competitors are not permitted to lift the pistol after the **READY ON THE FIRING LINE** command until before the targets start to turn.

Range/Block Officers. Range or Block Officers are responsible for observing competitors and for taking corrective actions if they observe violations. Range Officers should act according to Rule 5.12.2. The first step is to give the competitor a warning with an explanation of what he/she must do to be legal. If a

competitor refuses to comply after a second warning, a second Range/Block Officer or match official should be asked to observe. If two match officials observe another violation by a competitor who was previously warned twice, they should disqualify the competitor.

Legal 22 Rimfire Pistols. Rule 6.4 defines the pistols that are legal for this match:

- Either semi-autos or revolvers may be used.
- Specially shaped (asymmetrical) or custom grips are permitted.
- Only open sights are permitted. No optical sights are permitted.
- The sight radius may not exceed 10 inches as measured from the rear surface of the rear sight to the highest point of the front sight.
- The trigger pull must be a minimum of 2.0 pounds. Match sponsors may check triggers before a competition or check random selections after a competition.
- Recoil reduction systems that use venting or porting are not permitted. Pistols with moveable weights (Pardini, etc.) are permitted.

Distinguished Badges and CMP Achievement Pins. All competitors in 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches are eligible to win EIC points in accordance with Rule 9.0. Competitors in these matches are also eligible to earn gold, silver or bronze Achievement Pins. Competitors who fire scores of 235 to 249 will receive bronze pins, scores of 250 to 264 will receive silver pins and scores of 265 or higher will receive gold pins. The CMP will provide EIC Match sponsors with pins to be awarded immediately after the match.



Ready position violations: On left, the pistol is too high; on right, the pistol is resting on the bench. The muzzle must be clear of the bench or anything on the it (pistol rest, support or pad). The arm must be down at a 45-degree angle or as close to the bench as possible without touching.



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.

From Mom to Mentor: Maureen Trickett's Journey as a Female Coach

By Ashley Brugnone, CMP Writer

"I always joke with people: The first time someone asks you to volunteer, the first time you say yes, you're in. That's how I got started," teased the woman in the Massachusetts Rifle team jacket – one of the few women in the crowd at the air gun range with the word "coach" embroidered onto her clothing.

CMP's Massachusetts State Director Maureen Trickett's journey in the marksmanship world began out of boredom and grew into something she has made her life. As the current coach of the Massachusetts Rifle Rebels, she has helped lead her juniors to title wins and impressive performances.

In a sport typically seen as dominated by men, Maureen has fought the odds and rose to success, not because of her gender, but because of her dedication as a coach.

Although – having those distinctive female characteristics and traits may have helped along the way.

Maureen's career in the competitive shooting realm stemmed from her first and most important job: being a mother. Her three children, Katie, Jennifer and Kevin, decided they wanted to give firearms a try after growing up watching their father and gun enthusiast, Charlie.

Each falling in love with a different discipline, Katie became a member of the Ole Miss Women's Rifle Team, while Jennifer preferred

pistol shooting – earning a place on the Ohio State Pistol Team for four years and receiving multiple awards, including a National Record and being named a member of the Olympic Development Team.

As for Maureen's youngest, Kevin, he set a National Record in air rifle at the age of 10 and also moved on to become the National Champion of CMP and NRA week at Camp Perry as a junior. He is currently a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit service rifle team and has earned his Distinguished Rifleman's Badge.

Some time while watching her family grow up on the range, Maureen, who generally sat in the stands,



Beginning as a mom on the sidelines, Maureen Trickett has become one of the most successful coaches in junior competitive shooting today.



decided that she too may as well get into the action.

"I'm hanging around, and I was like, 'Ya know, I'm bored,'" she said, with a laugh. "They started me with scoring, then little by little it progressed . . . I went to the National Matches and volunteered, and some of the coaches there said, 'You should really take coaching classes. You're good. Take them.'"

And so, she did.

For over a decade, Maureen has been cultivating her skills as a coach, becoming certified in many areas, including: a Club Coach for the Massachusetts Rifle Association; Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Rifle Program Club Coach for Reading Rifle and Revolver; Advanced Rifle in Smallbore, Air and Junior Highpower; along with many other credentials and experiences.

During her years of growth as a coach, Maureen also took it upon herself to help other young marksmen realize their firearm dreams by assembling clubs in areas of Massachusetts.

"Family brought me in, and our kids didn't have anything local for them to do. What it took for us to learn how to do it, I didn't want other families to have to go through. So, I figured with all of the coaching classes I took and experience, I'd start developing more to home," she explained.

"I started a team at my local club, then another club, and then I took on the state team job . . . Once I divided that up, the junior clubs started having more teams, and we were able to get more competitive," she added. "It's grown quite a bit."

Currently, Maureen coaches 36 beginners and 10 advanced juniors on her Massachusetts Rifle Rebel team.

Between coaching and running matches, Maureen finds herself at the range at least five to six nights a week. When she's not at the range, she's doing paperwork – scheduling, preparing entries, securing

targets and awards. On top of that, she works full-time and still has duties at home, such as cooking dinner, shopping or doing laundry.

Of course, all of this together can be tiring for any coach who also has a life outside of the range. Fortunately, Maureen has a loyal group surrounding her.

"It's a lot of time. I think a lot of people think you just show up to the range and it happens," she said. "I am very lucky to have a very supportive parent staff that helps me with a lot of it. When things get crazy, they're there to help me out."

During the day-to-day activities, sitting with the kids on her team and listening to them talk about their lives has become one of the best parts of Maureen's coaching duties. With her own kids now out of the house, that time spent with the junior shooters is a way of filling the void and allows Maureen to once again play the mother role.

"I think because my kids are older now, I miss that aspect of their lives," she said. "These kids come in and they share their lives with me, so it's kind of like they're my own."

Spending countless hours with her juniors, she's able to build a trusting relationship with each one. Maureen says the kids' ability to open up to her isn't because she's a woman, but because she is a coach.

"As a woman, I think they sometimes look at me more like a mom, so if they need to talk, they may talk to me more easily than a male. But I think that's the relationship they have with a coach anyway. If they have a good relationship with their coach, whether it's male or female, they should be able to talk to them," she said. "But even some of the boys in the past, they still call me mom."

As one of the few female junior coaches in the sport, being surrounded by men could be intimidating to some, but for Maureen, she sees it as a positive aspect – both for the future of marksmanship and her team members.

Her opinion as a woman, mother and coach can often be taken as nurturing and inspiring – attributes of which many of the male coaches she’s encountered have given her praise.

“I find in this field, I haven’t really run across any negativism. If anything, the reason I became a coach is because I was encouraged by so many men. I think they felt they needed more women because of the fact that girls in shooting, they like the input from both sides,” she said.

Maureen does her best to uplift girls who may be overwhelmed by the male-to-female ratio of the sport. She commends marksmanship’s versatility – expressing that shooters can challenge themselves in the individual sport, as well as be a part of a team. Everyone can work at his or her own pace to get better. Best of all, even if you aren’t the best, everyone gets to participate.

Summed up – it’s a level playing field for all involved.

“This is a sport that’s both equal for men and women,” she said. “I think that makes it a lot less intimidating for women.”

As an added hobby, Maureen has been building her own marksmanship skills, enjoying pistol and smallbore

for fun. Her biggest love is long range, in which she reached High Master last year at Camp Perry. She also plans to earn her Judges License for the Paralympic World Cup – a field in which she has become closely involved – and she is eager to continue taking classes and learning from her fellow coaches.

At the end of the day, when all of the kids have gone home and the lights are turned off at the range, Maureen returns home to the person who is the reason she began her coaching career: her husband, Charlie. Each day, she takes the time to remember the way he supported her and how he continues to support her in all that she does.

“He was the one who encouraged me to go, puts up with me not being there for dinner when I’m at the range or traveling . . . but he still encourages it. As a man, and for us as a family, to support something like that is a big thing.”

In the end, it’s not a matter of men versus women – it’s a matter of support. Maureen is an example of how with hard work, drive and, most importantly, reassurance from those around her, great things can happen.



Having raised three children of her own, Maureen is now “mom” to each of the juniors on her team – listening each day about their lives and watching them grow into adulthood.

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/>.



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 Boyscout Troop & Venturing Crew 100, Rydal, GA
 William Byrd High School AFJROTC, Vinton, VA
 Floyd County Wildlife Association Inc, Rome, GA
 BSA Troop 1, San Angelo, TX
 Northeast HS AFJROTC, Oakland Park, FL
 New York Grey Cadets, Bronx, NY
 Christian County Shooting Sports 4-H Club,
 Taylorville, IL
 Guadalupe County 4-H Shooting
 Sports, Seguin, TX
 High Power Rifle & Pistol Club of
 Yuma, Yuma, AZ
 Bingham County 4-H, Blackfoot, ID
 Willapa Harbor Gun Club Inc,
 Raymond, WA
 Lake Cormorant High School
 MCJROTC, Lake Cormorant, MS
 Chesterfield County 4-H Shooting
 Sports, Chesterfield, VA
 Boy Scout Troop 461, Bethesda, MD
 Ripley County 4-H Shooting Club,
 Doniphan, MO
 Haughton HS AFJROTC,
 Haughton, LA
 Gordon Central HS JROTC,
 Calhoun, GA

Maricopa High AFJROTC, Maricopa, AZ
 Fork Union Military Academy,
 Fork Union, VA
 Clinton County On-Target 4-H Club,
 Wilmington, OH
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 Kapolei HS JROTC, Kapolei, HI
 Conservation Kids 4-H Club of Guernsey
 County, Kimbolton, OH
 Gonzales 4-H Monterey County,
 Gonzales, CA
 BSA Troop 469, Parker, CO
 Glenda Dawson HS NJROTC, Pearland, TX
 Bolton HS AFJROTC, Alexandria, LA
 Cactus County 4-H Club, Laredo, TX
 Gun N'Clovers 4-H Shooting Club, Jamestown, OH
 Wilson County 4-H Shooting Club, Floresville, TX
 Venture Crew 2500, Smyrna, GA
 Boughan Armory, Percy, AR
 South Gate HS AJROTC, South Gate, CA
 Florence Gun Club, Florence, AL
 Rimersburg Rod & Gun Club, Rimersburg, PA



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
#833	Heather Brown	McDonough, GA	#861	David Shelden	San Antonio, TX
#834	Tyler Thompson	Graytown, OH	#862	Samuel Supplee	Eagan, MN
#835	Bryan Wiles	Shepherd, MI	#863	Sadie Evans	Ozark, MO
#836	Kassandra Delarosa	Zion, IL	#864	Neva Philp	Augusta, GA
#837	Tatiana LeGrand	Columbia, SC	#865	Alyssa Grimes	Magnolia, TX
#838	Ricardo Martinez	Middletown, NY			
#839	Ryan McAndrews	Remlap, AL			
#840	Matthew Pellegrino	San Diego, CA			
#841	Marisa Lopez	Albuquerque, NM			
#842	Jacqueline Martinez	Pueblo, CO			
#843	Mark Amdahl	Albuquerque, NM			
#844	Belle Toney	Farmington, NM			
#845	Cassandra Rodriguez	Parlier, CA			
#846	Jeremy Alire	Albuquerque, NM			
#847	Cody Bates	Lebanon, OR			
#848	Katrina Hamilton	Zion, IL			
#849	Amanda Ruffner	McVeytown, PA			
#850	Samuel Ewert	Burnsville, MN			
#851	Brandan Bennett	Phoenix, AZ			
#852	Cameron Scholl	Albuquerque, NM			
#853	Nathan Price	Albuquerque, NM			
#854	Kenneth Bustos	Albuquerque, NM			
#855	Cody Vernon	Fort Worth, TX			
#856	Terry Brantley	Buckeye, AZ			
#857	Kayla Gentile	Sarasota, FL			
#858	Isaac Velez	Fountain, CO			
#859	Trenton Wiles	Killeen, TX			
#860	Charly Lozano	El Paso, TX			



Want to Earn YOUR Junior Distinguished Air Rifle Badge?

Visit <http://thecmp.org/air/junior-distinguished-badge/> or contact the CMP by calling (419) 635-2141, ext. 702.

Parting Shots: Photos from Recent CMP Events & Competitions

Junior shooters left their mark on several recent CMP events including JROTC Air Rifle Nationals, Oklahoma CMP Games and Eastern Games.



Even when competition gets intense, don't forget to have a little fun!



Some junior marksmen had a "beary" good time at the JROTC Nationals!



It's hard not to smile when you get to spend the day outside improving your rifle skills.



Sometimes organizing equipment for your Rimfire Sporter Match takes a lot of concentration...



Men, women and children of all ages made the trip to the Oklahoma CMP Games!



Strike a pose! At Eastern Games



Winning a CMP plaque is pretty cool, especially when two-time Gold Olympian, Gary Anderson, is presenting the award.



Ooooh my...air rifle can be pretty nerve-wracking!



The sun was shining on competitors during the Eastern CMP Games in North Carolina!

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